

MEMORANDUM

11/17/2020

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Bob Harrison, City Manager

FROM: The Honorable Susan Woodard, Presiding Judge
Linda Hagert, Court Services Manager
Isabel Cruz, Accountant

SUBJECT: 2nd Quarter 2020 Municipal Court Office Statistics

The City of Yakima Municipal Court operation was created in late 1996 and has been an independent judicial arm of the City since January 1, 1997. The Court Adjudicates all traffic infractions, misdemeanors, and gross misdemeanors cited in the City. The Court operates with two full time Judges, one of whom provides over the Court's activities, and a part time Court Commissioner. The City Council adopts the Courts budget annually; the Court is otherwise independent from City Administration.

Following, please find summary statistical reports for Municipal Court's 2nd Quarter activity through June 30, 2020. Detailed reports are available from the Office of the Municipal Court. Prior year totals for 2019 are included for comparison.

The following summary information for each quarter includes:

- I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics
- II. **Municipal Court Criminal Statistics**
- III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics
- IV. Collection Statistics--Municipal Court Outstanding Time-Pay Contracts
- V. **Outside Agency Collection Statistics**

Yakima Municipal Court -- 2nd Quarter 2020

I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics

	2019 Prior Year Statistics	Prior Year Totals	April	May	June	2020 YTD Total
Filings -- Proceedings During Year: 2020						
Infractions Filed	10,755	1,547	254	447	646	2,894
Violations Charged	16,394	2,322	388	718	1,033	4,461
Mitigation Hearings	686	148	0	0	0	148
Contested Hearings	262	40	0	0	0	40
Show Cause Hearings	82	19	0	0	0	19
Other Hearings On Record	2,134	358	88	68	84	598
Total	30,313	4,434	730	1,233	1,763	8,160
Dispositions During Year: 2020						
Infractions Paid	2,587	336	43	86	107	572
Failure to Respond	58	21	5	2	-	28
Committed	4,399	738	51	56	118	963
Not Committed	155	25	1	-	-	26
Dismissed	1,716	278	71	51	83	483
Amended	53	9	1	2	1	13
Total Disposed	8,968	1,407	172	197	309	2,085
Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Revenues	\$ 1,242,799	\$ 265,160	\$ -	\$ 53,566	\$ 63,446	\$ 382,172
Budget	\$ 1,305,000					\$ 1,305,000

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II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics

	2019 Prior Year Statistics	Prior Year Totals	April	May	June	2020 YTD Total
Filings During Year:						
Citations Filed	2,572	761	303	250	223	1,537
Violations Charged	3,396	971	411	324	294	2,000
Trial Settings During Year:						
Non Jury Trials Set	3		-	-	-	-
Jury Trials	1,670	288	58	45	34	425
Proceedings:						
Arraignments	2,298	488	97	96	115	796
Non Jury Trials	-		-	-	-	-
Jury Trials	5	3	-	-	-	3
Stipulations to Record	12	5	-	1	-	6
Other Hearings	3,757	717	62	48	42	869
Dispositions:						
Bail Forfeitures	-					-
Guilty	2,339	461	60	60	44	625
Not Guilty	2		-	-	-	-
Dismissed	1,199	254	52	63	48	417
Amended	180	39	-	2	2	43
Deferred Driver/Other	618	102	1	15	24	142
Prosecution Resumed	158	28	-	-	-	28
Appeals to Superior Court	3		-	-	-	-
Total Disposition	4,499	884	113	140	118	1,255
Criminal Fines Revenue:						
DUI Penalties	75,946	17,804	-	3,925	5,460	27,189
Criminal Traffic	104,979	22,374	-	5,471	4,628	32,473
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	72,536	16,368	-	2,848	4,060	23,276
Recoupments	115,158	24,728	-	3,374	9,816	84,192
Total Fines	368,619	81,274	-	15,618	23,964	167,130
Total Budget	479,000			-		

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III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics

	2019 Prior Year Statistics	Prior Year Totals	April	May	June	2020 YTD Total
Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Payments *	\$ 1,707,812	\$ 344,884	\$ 67,830	\$ 82,201	\$ 75,920	\$ 570,836

* Required payments to State Public Safety Education. Revenue for these payments are included as part of the total fine. Revenue figures presented are net of these payments.

IV. Collection Statistics -- Municipal Court Outstanding Time-Pay Contracts

	As of 6/30/2020
Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**	\$ 1,569,083

**After judgment the offender makes arrangements with the court to pay their outstanding fines. If the offender does not make a payment within 30 days or does not make an effort with the court to make other arrangements to pay, the account is considered in arrears. A final notice is mailed to the person in arrears. If ignored the account is then turned over to collection.

The collection agency is mandated by the state of Washington to write off accounts still owing ten years after the judgment date due to the statute of limitations. The statute of limitations covers all fines and restitution.

V. Outside Collection Agency Statistics

Following, please find Municipal Court's quarterly summary statistical report.

Outside Collection Agency:***	2020 and Prior Years
Accounts Assigned in 2016	\$ 6,191,456
Accounts Assigned in 2017	\$ 5,398,904
Accounts Assigned in 2018	\$ 4,526,278
Accounts Assigned in 2019	\$ 4,143,237
Accounts Assigned in 2020	\$ 649,103
Total Assignments	\$ 20,908,978
Dollars Collected Since 2016	\$ 6,476,691
Collection Performance Court Accounts	30.98%

*** Net of cancellation