

# MEMORANDUM

12/8/2020

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

**FROM:** The Honorable Susan Woodard, Presiding Judge  
Elizabeth Lemon, Accountant

**SUBJECT:** 3rd 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 resides 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 3rd Quarter activity through September 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 -- 3rd Quarter 2020

### I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics

|  | 2019 Year-End<br>Statistics | 2020 Prior<br>Qtr's | July             | August           | September         | 2020 YTD<br>Total   |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Filings -- Proceedings During<br/>Year: 2020</b>    |                             |                     |                  |                  |                   |                     |
| Infractions Filed                                      | 10,755                      | 2,894               | 690              | 737              | 622               | 4,943               |
| Violations Charged                                     | 16,394                      | 4,461               | 1,067            | 1,139            | 917               | 7,584               |
| Mitigation Hearings                                    | 686                         | 148                 | 0                | 0                | 30                | 178                 |
| Contested Hearings                                     | 262                         | 40                  | 0                | 0                | 11                | 51                  |
| Show Cause Hearings                                    | 82                          | 19                  | 0                | 0                | 3                 | 22                  |
| Other Hearings On Record                               | 598                         | 598                 | 80               | 68               | 100               | 846                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>28,777</b>               | <b>8,160</b>        | <b>1,837</b>     | <b>1,944</b>     | <b>1,683</b>      | <b>13,624</b>       |
| <b>Dispositions During Year:<br/>2020</b>              |                             |                     |                  |                  |                   |                     |
| Infractions Paid                                       | 2,587                       | 572                 | 169              | 147              | 170               | 1,058               |
| Failure to Respond                                     | 58                          | 28                  | -                | 1                | 1                 | 30                  |
| Committed  | 4,399                       | 963                 | 135              | 158              | 227               | 1,483               |
| Not Committed  | 155                         | 26                  | -                | 2                | 9                 | 37                  |
| Dismissed  | 1,716                       | 483                 | 77               | 74               | 78                | 712                 |
| Amended  | 53                          | 13                  | -                | -                | 3                 | 16                  |
| <b>Total Disposed</b>                                  | <b>8,968</b>                | <b>2,085</b>        | <b>381</b>       | <b>382</b>       | <b>488</b>        | <b>3,336</b>        |
| <b>Municipal Court Traffic<br/>Infraction Revenues</b> | <b>\$ 1,242,799</b>         | <b>\$ 382,172</b>   | <b>\$ 60,715</b> | <b>\$ 61,434</b> | <b>\$ 114,645</b> | <b>\$ 618,965</b>   |
| <b>Budget</b>  | <b>\$ 1,367,599</b>         |                     |                  |                  |                   | <b>\$ 1,305,000</b> |

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### II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics

|                                    | 2019 Year-<br>End<br>Statistics | 2020 Prior<br>Qtr's | July      | August    | September | 2020 YTD<br>Total |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Filings During Year:</b>        |                                 |                     |           |           |           |                   |
| Citations Filed                    | 2,572                           | 1,537               | 264       | 237       | 230       | 2,268             |
| Violations Charged                 | 3,396                           | 2,000               | 349       | 319       | 291       | 2,959             |
| <b>Trial Settings During Year:</b> |                                 |                     |           |           |           |                   |
| Non Jury Trials Set                | 3                               | -                   | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Jury Trials                        | 1,670                           | 425                 | 68        | 10        | 75        | 578               |
| <b>Proceedings:</b>                |                                 |                     |           |           |           |                   |
| Arraignments                       | 2,298                           | 796                 | 103       | 125       | 321       | 1,345             |
| Non Jury Trials                    | -                               | -                   | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Jury Trials                        | 5                               | 3                   | -         | -         | -         | 3                 |
| Stipulations to Record             | 12                              | 6                   | -         | 1         | -         | 7                 |
| Other Hearings                     | 3,757                           | 869                 | 77        | 52        | 151       | 1,149             |
| <b>Dispositions:</b>               |                                 |                     |           |           |           |                   |
| Bail Forfeitures                   | -                               |                     |           |           |           | -                 |
| Guilty                             | 2,339                           | 625                 | 61        | 88        | 63        | 837               |
| Not Guilty                         | 2                               | -                   | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Dismissed                          | 1,199                           | 417                 | 52        | 85        | 67        | 621               |
| Amended                            | 180                             | 43                  | 8         | 7         | 3         | 61                |
| Deferred Driver/Other              | 618                             | 142                 | 12        | 10        | 11        | 175               |
| Prosecution Resumed                | 158                             | 28                  | 4         | -         | 11        | 43                |
| Appeals to Superior Court          | 3                               | -                   | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Total Disposition                  | 4,499                           | 1,255               | 137       | 190       | 155       | 1,737             |
| <b>Criminal Fines Revenue:</b>     |                                 |                     |           |           |           |                   |
| DUI Penalties                      | \$ 75,946                       | \$ 27,189           | \$ 3,267  | \$ 4,097  | \$ 7,428  | \$ 41,982         |
| Criminal Traffic                   | \$ 104,979                      | \$ 32,473           | \$ 2,637  | \$ 6,042  | \$ 10,854 | \$ 52,006         |
| Non-Traffic Misdemeanor            | \$ 72,536                       | \$ 23,276           | \$ 3,120  | \$ 2,277  | \$ 7,117  | \$ 35,790         |
| Recoupments                        | \$ 115,158                      | \$ 37,918           | \$ 5,650  | \$ 6,777  | \$ 9,573  | \$ 59,918         |
| Total Fines                        | \$ 368,619                      | \$ 120,855          | \$ 14,673 | \$ 19,194 | \$ 34,973 | \$ 189,695        |
| Total Budget                       | \$ 344,630                      |                     |           | -         |           | \$ 479,000        |

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### III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics

|   | 2019 Year-End<br>Statistics | 2020 Prior<br>Qtr's | July      | August    | September | 2020 YTD Total |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>Public Safety<br/>Education Assessment<br/>(PSEA) Payments *</b> | \$ 1,707,812                | \$ 570,836          | \$ 86,388 | \$ 71,194 | \$ 83,519 | \$ 811,937     |

\* 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

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|  | As of<br>9/30/2020  |
| <b>Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**</b> | <b>\$ 1,683,748</b> |

\*\*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             | \$ 645,337           |
| Total Assignments                     | <b>\$ 20,905,212</b> |
| Dollars Collected Since 2016          | \$ 6,733,533         |
| Collection Performance Court Accounts | 32.21%               |

\*\*\* Net of cancellation