

MEMORANDUM

3/16/2021

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

FROM: The Honorable Susan Woodard, Presiding Judge
Isabel Cruz, Accountant

SUBJECT: 4th 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 December 31, 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 -- 4th Quarter 2020

I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics

	2019 Year-End Statistics	2020 Prior Qtr's	October	November	December	2020 YTD Total
Filings -- Proceedings During Year: 2020						
Infractions Filed	10,755	4,943	795	849	645	7,232
Violations Charged	16,394	7,584	1,235	1,284	999	11,102
Mitigation Hearings	686	178	48	49	63	338
Contested Hearings	262	51	20	20	28	119
Show Cause Hearings	82	22	5	3	3	33
Other Hearings On Record	598	846	129	115	133	1,223
Total	28,777	13,624	2,232	2,320	1,871	20,047
Dispositions During Year: 2020						
Infractions Paid	2,587	1,058	159	147	168	1,532
Failure to Respond	58	30	10	11	12	63
Committed	4,399	1,483	329	272	562	2,646
Not Committed	155	37	15	8	12	72
Dismissed	1,716	712	95	66	72	945
Amended	53	16	2	4	6	28
Total Disposed	8,968	3,336	610	508	832	5,286
Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Revenues	\$ 1,242,799	\$ 618,965	\$ 77,275	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,316	\$ 729,556
Budget	\$ 1,367,599					\$ 1,305,000

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II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics

	2019 Year- End Statistics	2020 Prior Qtr's	October	November	December	2020 YTD Total
Filings During Year:						
Citations Filed	2,572	2,268	272	240	258	3,038
Violations Charged	3,396	2,959	338	315	362	3,974
Trial Settings During Year:						
Non Jury Trials Set	3	-	-	-	-	-
Jury Trials	1,670	578	125	86	96	885
Proceedings:						
Arraignments	2,298	1,345	407	289	263	2,304
Non Jury Trials	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jury Trials	5	3	-	1	-	4
Stipulations to Record	12	7	2	-	-	9
Other Hearings	3,757	1,149	283	246	293	1,971
Dispositions:						
Bail Forfeitures	-					-
Guilty	2,339	837	181	171	193	1,382
Not Guilty	2	-	-	-	-	-
Dismissed	1,199	621	84	121	157	983
Amended	180	61	20	12	21	114
Deferred Driver/Other	618	175	82	77	97	431
Prosecution Resumed	158	43	72	4	4	123
Appeals to Superior Court	3	-	-	-	-	-
Total Disposition	4,499	1,737	439	385	472	3,033
Criminal Fines Revenue:						
DUI Penalties	\$ 75,946	\$ 41,982	\$ 6,729	\$ 5,141	\$ 9,366	\$ 63,217
Criminal Traffic	\$ 104,979	\$ 52,006	\$ 9,197	\$ 8,427	\$ 10,339	\$ 79,968
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	\$ 72,536	\$ 35,790	\$ 4,959	\$ 2,050	\$ 5,535	\$ 48,333
Recoupments	\$ 115,158	\$ 59,918	\$ 1,020	\$ 13,753	\$ 6,756	\$ 81,446
Total Fines	\$ 368,619	\$ 189,695	\$ 21,905	\$ 29,370	\$ 31,995	\$ 272,965
Total Budget	\$ 344,630			-		\$ 479,000

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III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics

	2019 Year-End Statistics	2020 Prior Qtr's	October	November	December	2020 YTD Total
Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Payments *	\$ 1,707,812	\$ 811,937	\$ 109,461	\$ 80,887	\$ 96,594	\$ 1,098,879

* 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 12/31/2020
Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**	\$ 1,983,845

**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	\$ 6,185,953
Accounts Assigned in 2017	\$ 5,395,339
Accounts Assigned in 2018	\$ 4,525,749
Accounts Assigned in 2019	\$ 4,143,237
Accounts Assigned in 2020	\$ 2,105,078
Total Assignments	\$ 22,355,356
Dollars Collected Since 2016	\$ 7,001,862
Collection Performance Court Accounts	31.32%

*** Net of cancellation