

MEMORANDUM

6/1/2021

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

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

SUBJECT: 1st Quarter 2021 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 1st Quarter activity through March 31, 2021. Detailed reports are available from the Office of the Municipal Court. Prior year totals for 2020 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 -- 1st Quarter 2021

I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics

	2020 Year-End Statistics	6/1/2021	January	February	March	2021 YTD Total
Filings -- Proceedings During Year: 2021						
Infractions Filed	7,232	-	605	614	1,098	2,317
Violations Charged	11,102	-	942	940	1,603	3,485
Mitigation Hearings	338	-	43	63	60	166
Contested Hearings	119	-	19	11	19	49
Show Cause Hearings	33	-	4	5	11	20
Other Hearings On Record	1,223	-	97	109	98	304
Total	20,047	-	1,710	1,742	2,889	6,341
Dispositions During Year: 2021						
Infractions Paid	1,532	-	128	106	268	502
Failure to Respond	63	-	8	12	2	22
Committed	2,646	-	243	264	306	813
Not Committed	72	-	12	3	5	20
Dismissed	945	-	59	69	87	215
Amended	28	-	1	4	2	7
Total Disposed	5,286	-	451	458	670	1,579
Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Revenues	\$ 729,556		\$ 80,245	\$ 63,618	\$ 120,672	\$ 264,535
Budget	\$ 1,305,000					\$ 1,179,591

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II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics

	2020 Year- End Statistics	6/1/2021	January	February	March	2021 YTD Total
Filings During Year:						
Citations Filed	3,038		219	196	285	700
Violations Charged	3,974		301	275	382	958
Trial Settings During Year:						
Non Jury Trials Set			1	0	0	1
Jury Trials	885		142	148	105	395
Proceedings:						
Arraignments	2,304		249	193	223	665
Non Jury Trials	-	-				0
Jury Trials	4		0	1	1	2
Stipulations to Record	9		2	0	0	2
Other Hearings	1,971		394	353	314	1,061
Dispositions:						
Bail Forfeitures	-					-
Guilty	1,382		241	208	195	644
Not Guilty	-	-				0
Dismissed	983		161	166	159	486
Amended	114		36	19	22	77
Deferred Driver/Other	431		102	66	65	233
Prosecution Resumed	123		8	4	3	15
Appeals to Superior Court		-	0	0	0	0
Total Disposition	3,033	-	548	463	444	1,455
Criminal Fines Revenue:						
DUI Penalties	\$ 63,217		\$ 6,383	\$ 2,887	\$ 9,524	\$ 18,795
Criminal Traffic	\$ 79,968		\$ 11,141	\$ 6,543	\$ 11,328	\$ 29,011
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	\$ 48,333		\$ 2,975	\$ 4,547	\$ 10,267	\$ 17,788
Recoupments	\$ 81,446		\$ 3,139	\$ 8,205	\$ 8,868	\$ 20,212
Total Fines	\$ 272,964	\$ -	\$ 23,638	\$ 22,182	\$ 39,986	\$ 85,806
Total Budget	\$ 479,000			-		\$ 334,277

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III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics

	2020 Year-End Statistics	6/1/2021	January	February	March	2021 YTD Total
Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Payments *	\$ 1,098,879		\$ 110,628	\$ 86,727	\$ 174,433	\$ 371,788

* 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 3/31/2021
Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**	\$ 2,280,704

**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:***	2021 and Prior Years
Accounts Assigned in 2017	\$ 5,376,380
Accounts Assigned in 2018	\$ 4,509,447
Accounts Assigned in 2019	\$ 4,118,551
Accounts Assigned in 2020	\$ 2,097,444
Accounts Assigned in 2021	\$ 541,614
Total Assignments	\$ 16,643,436
Dollars Collected Since 2017	\$ 6,216,751
Collection Performance Court Accounts	37.35%

*** Net of cancellation