

MEMORANDUM

11/1/2021

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

FROM: The Honorable Susan Woodard, Presiding Judge
Isamar Ramirez, Accountant

SUBJECT: 3rd Quarter 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, 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 -- 3rd Quarter 2021

I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics

	2020 Year-End Statistics	Prior Quarters	July	August	September	2021 YTD Total
Filings -- Proceedings During Year: 2021						
Infractions Filed	7,232	4,543	474	501	522	6,040
Violations Charged	11,102	6,776	724	759	791	9,050
Mitigation Hearings	338	319	27	41	13	400
Contested Hearings	119	110	12	11	11	144
Show Cause Hearings	33	46	8	0	12	66
Other Hearings On Record	1,223	512	41	35	67	655
Total	20,047	12,306	1,286	1,347	1,416	16,355
Dispositions During Year: 2021						
Infractions Paid	1,532	1,221	142	107	153	1,623
Failure to Respond	63	45	12	5	3	65
Committed	2,646	1,679	179	147	210	2,215
Not Committed	72	50	4	7	4	65
Dismissed	945	330	23	31	45	429
Amended	28	20	5	2	1	28
Total Disposed	5,286	3,345	365	299	416	4,425
Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Revenues	\$ 729,556	\$ 591,349	\$ 85,014	\$ 80,281	\$ 68,867	\$ 825,511
Budget	\$ 1,305,000					\$ 1,179,591

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II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics

	2020 Year-End Statistics	Prior Quarters	July	August	September	2021 YTD Total
Filings During Year:						
Citations Filed	3,038	1,518	259	259	241	2,277
Violations Charged	3,974	2,014	328	338	290	2,970
Trial Settings During Year:						
Non Jury Trials Set		3	0	0	0	3
Jury Trials	885	708	99	89	99	995
Proceedings:						
Arraignments	2,304	1,487	252	235	205	2,179
Non Jury Trials	-	-	0	0	0	0
Jury Trials	4	2	3	0	1	6
Stipulations to Record	9	3	0	0	0	3
Other Hearings	1,971	1,789	0	277	224	2,290
Dispositions:						
Bail Forfeitures	-	-				-
Guilty	1,382	1,233	184	172	159	1,748
Not Guilty	-	1	0	0	1	2
Dismissed	983	943	110	134	123	1,310
Amended	114	137	22	15	30	204
Deferred Driver/Other	431	392	59	64	44	559
Prosecution Resumed	123	36	4	7	5	52
Appeals to Superior Court		-	1	0	0	1
Total Disposition	3,033	2,742	380	392	362	3,876
Criminal Fines Revenue:						
DUI Penalties	\$ 63,217	\$ 38,381	\$ 6,754	\$ 5,833	\$ 3,664	\$ 54,632
Criminal Traffic	\$ 79,968	\$ 58,180	\$ 8,655	\$ 11,104	\$ 8,510	\$ 86,449
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	\$ 48,333	\$ 35,656	\$ 5,642	\$ 6,757	\$ 4,987	\$ 53,041
Recoupments	\$ 81,446	\$ 55,155	\$ 3,627	\$ 9,022	\$ 14,003	\$ 81,807
Total Fines	\$ 272,964	\$ 187,371	\$ 24,678	\$ 32,716	\$ 31,164	\$ 275,929
Total Budget	\$ 479,000			-		\$ 334,277

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III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics

	2020 Year-End Statistics	Prior Quarters	July	August	September	2021 YTD Total
Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Payments *	\$ 1,098,879	\$ 822,307	\$ 119,832	\$ 113,213	\$ 97,243	\$ 1,152,596

* 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 9/30/2021
Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**	\$ 1,950,013

**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	\$ 5,373,329
Accounts Assigned in 2018	\$ 4,506,767
Accounts Assigned in 2019	\$ 4,103,336
Accounts Assigned in 2020	\$ 2,089,223
Accounts Assigned in 2021	\$ 2,868,532
Total Assignments	\$ 18,941,187
Dollars Collected Since 2017	\$ 6,962,122
Collection Performance Court Accounts	36.76%

*** Net of cancellation