

# MEMORANDUM

11/15/2022

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

**FROM:** The Honorable Kelley Olwell, Presiding Judge  
Isamar Ramirez, Accountant

**SUBJECT:** 2nd & 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 **2nd & 3rd Quarter** activity through **September 30, 2022**. Detailed reports are available from the Office of the Municipal Court. Prior year totals for 2021 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 & 3rd Quarter 2022**

**I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics**

	2021 Year-End Statistics	Prior Quarters	April	May	June	July	August	September	2022 YTD Total
<b>Filings -- Proceedings During Year: 2022</b>									
Infractions Filed	7,909	1,633	883	687	657	616	707	661	5,844
Violations Charged	11,814	2,405	1,298	1,018	981	896	1,053	985	8,636
Mitigation Hearings	487	90	45	50	58	28	24	25	320
Contested Hearings	190	33	16	20	25	10	15	20	139
Show Cause Hearings	75	17	10	6	10	1	3	9	56
Other Hearings On Record	986	263	58	2	7	77	86	68	561
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,461</b>	<b>4,441</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>15,556</b>
<b>Dispositions During Year: 2022</b>									
Infractions Paid	2,124	419	289	226	204	161	160	176	1,635
Failure to Respond	75	24	11	4	13	6	8	2	68
Committed	2,758	549	316	265	184	132	236	156	1,838
Not Committed	95	10	5	11	13	9	4	10	62
Dismissed	619	153	38	29	32	46	43	37	378
Amended	33	3	4	0	7	0	3	5	22
<b>Total Disposed</b>	<b>5,704</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>4,003</b>
<b>Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 952,279</b>	<b>\$ 185,363</b>	<b>\$ 159,692</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 62,058</b>	<b>\$ 60,982</b>	<b>\$ 58,259</b>	<b>\$ 64,501</b>	<b>\$ 590,856</b>

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**II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics**

	2021 Year-End Statistics	Prior Quarters	April	May	June	July	August	September	2022 YTD Total
<b>Filings During Year:</b>									
Citations Filed	3,041	694	260	265	293	298	302	274	2,386
Violations Charged	4,040	949	334	351	395	392	407	383	3,211
<b>Trial Settings During Year:</b>									
Non Jury Trials Set	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Jury Trials	1,265	328	100	92	121	112	128	105	986
<b>Proceedings:</b>									
Arraignments	2,853	625	299	262	261	228	294	252	2,221
Non Jury Trials	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jury Trials	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Stipulations to Record	4	6	1	0	0	2	2	0	11
Other Hearings	3,278	792	256	207	265	238	290	223	2,271
<b>Dispositions:</b>									
Bail Forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guilty	2,294	566	171	204	214	203	197	188	1,743
Not Guilty	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Dismissed	1,724	417	129	164	164	159	148	164	1,345
Amended	272	65	15	28	17	25	31	16	197
Deferred Driver/Other	760	198	56	65	24	83	70	78	574
Prosecution Resumed	69	15	7	6	8	15	4	4	59
Appeals to Superior Court	1	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
<b>Total Disposition</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>3,921</b>
<b>Criminal Fines Revenue:</b>									
DUI Penalties	\$ 61,685	\$ 11,316	\$ 12,858	\$ -	\$ 6,204	\$ 8,785	\$ 2,132	\$ 6,480	\$ 47,776
Criminal Traffic	\$ 107,199	\$ 25,027	\$ 21,266	\$ -	\$ 8,567	\$ 9,816	\$ 5,631	\$ 8,755	\$ 79,062
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	\$ 63,111	\$ 12,841	\$ 10,583	\$ -	\$ 8,884	\$ 2,556	\$ 2,464	\$ 5,540	\$ 42,868
Recoupments	\$ 98,522	\$ 24,659	\$ 16,893	\$ 4,737	\$ 6,638	\$ 5,811	\$ 6,357	\$ 8,570	\$ 73,665
<b>Total Fines</b>	<b>\$ 330,516</b>	<b>\$ 73,843</b>	<b>\$ 61,599</b>	<b>\$ 4,737</b>	<b>\$ 30,293</b>	<b>\$ 26,968</b>	<b>\$ 16,585</b>	<b>\$ 29,345</b>	<b>\$ 243,370</b>

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

	2021 Year-End Statistics	Prior Quarters	July	August	September	2022 YTD Total
<b>Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Payments *</b>	\$ 1,426,395	\$ 583,553	\$ 79,513	\$ 94,251	\$ 101,174	\$ 858,491

\* 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 9/30/2022
<b>Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**</b>	<b>\$ 1,676,625</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:***	2022 and Prior Years
Accounts Assigned in 2018	\$ 4,504,783
Accounts Assigned in 2019	\$ 4,096,785
Accounts Assigned in 2020	\$ 2,077,714
Accounts Assigned in 2021	\$ 3,264,259
Accounts Assigned in 2022	\$ 2,465,448
<b>Total Assignments</b>	<b>\$ 16,408,989</b>
Dollars Collected Since 2018	\$ 6,659,437
Collection Performance Court Accounts	40.58%

\*\*\* Net of cancellation