

Traffic Infraction Deferral Program

The Court is providing the following information on its Traffic Infraction Deferral Program, which may allow you to have your traffic ticket dismissed and not go on your driving record. Here's how the Traffic Infraction Deferral Program works:

1. **One Moving and One Non-Moving Traffic Violation Only.** Every seven (7) years you may defer one moving violation (such as speeding, failure to yield and negligent driving in the second degree, etc.) and one non-moving violation (such as driving without a valid driver's license, driving without proof of insurance, exceeding weight or height limits, etc).
2. **No Commercial Driver's License Holders.** If you have a commercial driver's license, you are not eligible for this program.
3. **No Deferrals for Seven (7) years.** You must not have the same type of violation (moving or non-moving) deferred in Washington during the last seven (7) years.
4. **Have No Violations for One (1) Year.** Once on the program, you must not have any of the following violations for one (1) year: any new traffic infraction. A traffic infraction includes any deferred finding, stipulated continuance, fine forfeiture, failure to respond, or similar arrangements.
5. **Pay Court Costs.** You must pay a non-refundable court cost in the face amount of your citation, plus a \$25 administrative fee. You may request a payment plan or perform community service in lieu of payment. If you fail to pay the court costs or perform community service, a finding of committed will be entered.
6. **If You Cannot Afford to Pay.** You may attest that you do not have the current ability to pay the infraction in full. You may request smaller monthly payments, and/or to perform community service hours which will be credited at a minimum wage. Contact a member of court staff for more information. You may submit evidence of inability to pay by completing a Financial Statement [see form attached here].
7. **Court May Deny Application.** The Judge may deny an application, or may impose other conditions.
8. **What Happens After One Year?** If you comply with all requirements of the program, the ticket for the violation will be dismissed after one (1) year and won't go on your driving record. If you violate any requirement, the ticket will not be dismissed, and it will go on your record as violation. Also, if the court later discovers that you do not qualify for this program, the ticket will go on your record as a violation.

To participate in the Traffic Infraction Deferral Program, please complete the Petition. If you have requested a hearing, by applying for this program you give up your right to a hearing. If the Court receives your application and payment by the hearing date, you won't need to attend the hearing. You may assume that your application is approved unless the Court tells you otherwise. If you don't want to participate in the program, or if you don't qualify, you should attend your hearing as scheduled.

The petition may be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

Wahkiakum County District Court
PO Box 144
Cathlamet, WA 98612
Fax: 360-795-6506
districtcourt@co.wahkiakum.wa.us

If you have any questions, please call Wahkiakum District Court Office at 360-795-3461.

Case Name: _____ Case Number: _____

Financial Statement (Attachment)			
1. My name is: _____		I can afford to pay \$ _____ per month	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> I provide support to people who live with me: How many? _____ Age(s): _____			
3. My Monthly Income:		6. My Monthly Household Expenses:	
Employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/>	Rent/Mortgage:	\$ _____
Employer's Name: _____		Food/Household Supplies:	\$ _____
Gross pay per month (salary or hourly pay):	\$ _____	Utilities:	\$ _____
Take home pay per month:	\$ _____	Transportation:	\$ _____
4. Other Sources of Income Per Month in my Household:		Ordered Maintenance actually paid:	\$ _____
Source:	\$ _____	Ordered Child Support actually paid:	\$ _____
Source:	\$ _____	Clothing:	\$ _____
Source:	\$ _____	Child Care:	\$ _____
Source:	\$ _____	Education Expenses:	\$ _____
Sub-Total:		Insurance (car, health):	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I receive food stamps.		Medical Expenses:	\$ _____
Total Income, lines 3 (take home pay) and 4:		Sub-Total:	\$ _____
5. My Household Assets:		7. My Other Monthly Household Expenses:	
Cash on hand:	\$ _____		\$ _____
Checking Account Balance:	\$ _____		\$ _____
Savings Account Balance:	\$ _____		\$ _____
Auto #1 (Value less loan):	\$ _____		\$ _____
Auto #2 (Value less loan):	\$ _____	Sub-Total:	\$ _____
Home (Value less mortgage):	\$ _____	8. My Other Debts with Monthly Payments:	
Other:	\$ _____		\$ _____ /mo
Other:	\$ _____		\$ _____ /mo
Other:	\$ _____		\$ _____ /mo
Other:	\$ _____		\$ _____ /mo
Other:	\$ _____	Sub-Total:	\$ _____
Total Household Assets:		Total Household Expenses and Debts, lines 6, 7, and 8:	\$ _____
Date: _____		Signature: _____	

WAHKIAKUM COUNTY DISTRICT COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS RECORD SHEET

Name _____ Case # _____

Total number of hours completed _____

Date	Authorized Signature	Organization	Type of Work	Hours

Participant Signature

Date

**** MUST BE RETURNED TO DISTRICT COURT OFFICE TO RECEIVE CREDIT ****

Community Service Options for Wahkiakum County

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Bradley Memorial Library		(360) 795-3254
Cathlamet Town Hall		(360) 795-3203
Chamber of Commerce		(360) 795-9996
Clothing Bank	SDA Church	(360) 795-0425
Community Gardens	Winnie Lousma	(360) 849-4108
Elochoman Slough Marina	Todd Souvenir	(360) 795-3501
Grays River Grange		(360) 465-2268
Johnson Park @ Rosburg School Bldg	Denise Blanchard	(360) 465-2310
Lions Club	Renee Robert	(360) 849-4003
Naselle Food Bank		(360) 484-3306
Pioneer Community Association	Larry Hendrickson	(360) 430-6422
Redman Hall	Friends of Skamokawa	(360) 795-3007
Seal River Cemetery	Kari Kandoll	(360) 849-4353
Vista Park		(360) 795-8605
Wahkiakum Animal Advocacy Group	Wendy Edwards	(360) 504-6336
Wahkiakum Co Fair	Patty Dursteller	(360) 795-3480
Wahkiakum Co Food Bank	HHS	(360) 795-8630
Wahkiakum Co Historical Museum	Kari Kandoll	(360) 849-4353
Wahkiakum Co Human Services	Karisa Nogueira	(360) 795-8630
Wahkiakum Co Sheriff's Office	Vernon Barton	(360) 795-3242
West End Food Pantry	Shonda Ware	(360) 795-2722

Also, any type of Non-profit or Government Organization within Wahkiakum County, for example:

Cathlamet Swimming Pool
Local Fire Departments

Community Service outside Wahkiakum County **MAY** be permitted on a case-by-case basis. Requirements are:

1. That it be approved *in advance* by the court, based on a specific reason.
2. That it be performed for a governmental agency or nonprofit organization.
3. That the agency submits on letterhead proof of:
 - The name of the person performing community service
 - The dates, number of hours, and tasks performed
4. That it be signed by an employee or officer, with contact information provided for verification.

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