



Memorandum

DATE: July 7, 2021

TO: Debbie Tarry, City Manager

FROM: Christina Arcidy, Management Analyst

RE: 2020 King County District Court Reconciliation Summary

CC: John Norris, Assistant City Manager

Each year in June King County District Court and the Contract Cities reconcile the Contract Cities' Court activities from the prior year. 2020 was a unique year that was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Both Police activity (impacts annual filings) and Court operations (facility closures, staff changes) impacted the final costs for the City of Shoreline.

Shoreline Police made less frequent contacts with individuals in 2020 in order to help prevent the spread of the virus, especially in the early days of the pandemic when personal protective equipment was very limited. This led to fewer filings with King County District Court compared to prior years, as demonstrated by the following table:

Year	Infraction Traffic	Infraction Non-Traffic	DUI	Criminal Traffic	Criminal Non-Traffic	Parking	Total	% Change Year Over Year
2020	692	16	18	71	235	555	1,587	-64.8%
2019	2,793	45	52	162	342	1,110	4,504	-18.6%
2018	3,876	67	75	260	271	985	5,534	-4.5%
2017	4,429	129	87	280	342	528	5,795	-

This trend was maintained for the entire year, and Shoreline Police have indicated that this will likely continue due to recent changes in the legislature regarding allowable uses of force, which will likely lower the number of arrests. Staff will be monitoring this trend and may recommend that the City lower the number of guaranteed beds in the City's

contract with the South Correctional Entity (SCORE) Jail for 2022 when the SCORE Jail contract amendment is brought to Council in fall 2021.

Expenses for Court were also reduced due to facility closures which lowered some fixed costs, such as security. It is important to note that judges and court clerks were still working on City cases during facility closures, so there were no reductions in expenses related to those costs. Revenues were down primarily due the reduction in filings. A summary of the City's court-related expenses, revenues, and net costs compared with prior years is shown in the following table:

Year	Expenses	Expense % Change Year over Year	Revenues	Revenue % Change Year over Year	Net Cost	Net Cost % Change Year over Year
2020	\$(312,613)	-53%	\$140,530	-56%	\$(172,083)	-49%
2019	\$(659,257)	-17%	\$319,563	-32%	\$(339,694)	4%
2018	\$(796,311)	-2%	\$469,379	11%	\$(326,932)	-16%
2017	\$(813,258)	-	\$422,402	-	\$(390,857)	-