

**RENTON MUNICIPAL COURT
1055 S GRADY WAY
RENTON, WA 98057
425-430-6550**

MITIGATION HEARING

You have requested a mitigation hearing to explain the circumstances surrounding the issuance of a civil/traffic infraction. You have an "in person" hearing scheduled on the date and time shown on the enclosed Notice of Hearing. You have the following options:

Mitigation Hearing (In Person): You and your witnesses must appear in person for the scheduled hearing. The Court will advise you of its decision and the penalty amount. The penalty is due in full on the date of the court hearing. If time payments are granted a \$10.00 fee will be added to the penalty.

Mitigation Hearing (By Mail): Instead of appearing in court, you have the option of a mitigation hearing (by mail); you will not be required to appear in court. Write a Statement and Declaration on the reverse side of this notice and mail to the court's address listed above. The court will review your Statement and Declaration and the police officer's sworn statement and render a decision. The infraction will be found committed and a monetary penalty will be determined. The judge may reduce the penalty depending on any mitigating circumstances. You will be notified by mail of the judge's decision and you agree to pay the penalty within 60 days of the decision.

Deferral of Traffic Infraction (non-CDL): You may be eligible for a deferral of your traffic infraction. You are NOT eligible if you hold a Commercial Driver's License or if you have already had a deferral in the past seven years. A person is allowed only one deferral for a moving violation and only one deferral for a non-moving violation in any seven-year period. Parking violations and city ordinances are NOT eligible for the deferral option.

If you wish to take this option:

- Sign and return the enclosed Deferral of Traffic Infraction form within seven days of the scheduled hearing date.
- You must send the full penalty amount shown on the infraction. The penalty amount cannot be reduced if you choose the deferral option.

Failure to respond to the options above, failure to appear, or failure to pay on the date set by the court will result in:

1. An additional \$52 penalty added (\$15 on parking violations)
2. Notice to the Department of Licensing, resulting in Suspension of your driver's license
3. Referral to a collection agency

There is no appeal allowed for a mitigation hearing.

See reverse side for Statement and Declaration

