

Notice of Contested Hearing



June 20, 2024

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Notice Date: **June 20, 2024**
Case Number: **5240041294**

Citation Number: **4A0352246**

Your Contested Hearing is scheduled for **July 11, 2024**, at **08:30 AM** in Courtroom **3rd Floor - 301**, 600 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98104.

HOW TO ATTEND YOUR HEARING

Seattle Municipal Court offers remote appearance by Virtual Hearings for out-of-custody infraction cases. You have the option of appearing for your hearing in one of three ways:

- 1) **In person at the Seattle Municipal Court:** Courtroom 3rd Floor - 301
- 2) **Webex Video Hearing:** Visit <https://www.seattle.gov/courts/virtual-hearings> on your browser. If using a smartphone, you will need to download the Cisco WebEx Meeting Application from your app store (iOS or Android). Choose either "Courtroom 301-AM" (if your hearing is in the morning) or "Courtroom 301-PM" (if your hearing is in the afternoon).

Use QR Code (at right) for Virtual Hearing information.
For additional information, please call (206) 684-5600.



- 3) **Webex Telephone Hearing:** If joining by phone, dial either (206) 207-1700 or (408) 418-9388, then enter the access code for your session. If your case is scheduled in the morning, use access code 1466-81-2173. If your case is scheduled in the afternoon use access code 146-179-0271. Press *6 to mute or unmute yourself.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE HEARING?

You have requested a Contested Hearing before a judge because you do not believe that you have violated the law. Contested hearings are held without a jury. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense, to present evidence, and to question witnesses present in court. After considering all of the evidence, the judge will decide whether the City proved its case by a preponderance of the evidence, which means more likely than not. If the Court finds that you violated the law, you may be required to pay a monetary penalty. **If you have photos, please print them, or burn onto a CD.**

CAN I PAY THE TICKET AND CANCEL THE HEARING?

Yes. You do not need to appear in court on July 11, 2024 if your infraction is paid in full by 5:00 PM the day before the scheduled hearing.

For Payment in Full

- 1st floor of the Seattle Municipal Court
- Pay online: [seattle.gov/courts/payments](https://www.seattle.gov/courts/payments) or use QR code (to the right)
- Pay by telephone: (206) 233-7000
- Payment by mail (*write case number on your check or money order*)



Make check payable to:

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT
PO BOX 34987
SEATTLE, WA 98124-4987

HOW DO I SEE THE OFFICERS REPORT?

To receive a copy of the officer's report, you must submit a written request to the City Attorney's office and file a copy of the request to the Court. Their mailing addresses are below:

Office of the City Attorney
Attn: Infraction Project
701 5th Ave., Suite 2050
Seattle, WA 98104-7097

Seattle Municipal Court
Attn: Infraction Division
P.O. BOX 34987
Seattle, WA 98124-4987

CAN I ACCESS INFORMATION ELECTRONICALLY?

For additional information you can access information on the city's website:

<https://www.seattle.gov/courts/tickets-and-payments>. There are computers available for public use at the courthouse.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CANNOT ATTEND MY HEARING ON THE SELECTED DAY?

If you cannot appear for your hearing, you may request a continuance in writing or in person. A continuance request must be received by the Court at least 15 days before your contested hearing court date.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS MY HEARING?

Failure to appear for your scheduled hearing will result in the entry of a default judgment against you and a determination that you committed the infraction. A default penalty will be added to the original penalty. In addition, the Court will report the infraction to the State Department of Licensing, and your ability to renew your vehicle registration may be affected until you have paid all the penalties and costs.

CAN I REQUEST THE OFFICER TO TESTIFY?

The officer has NOT been sent a subpoena to testify in the above listed hearing.

If you so request, the officer who issued the citation will be subpoenaed to testify at your hearing. The Court will serve the subpoena on the officer at no expense to you. You must request a subpoena for the officer at least 7 days before the hearing.

HOW DO I CALL WITNESSES FOR MY CASE?

You are entitled to subpoena witnesses to testify at your own expense. If you wish to subpoena a witness, you must apply in person at the Court at least 15 days before your hearing. The request should be made in Room 201 of Seattle Municipal Court, 600 Fifth Avenue in Seattle, WA. A Magistrate must approve any subpoena for a witness residing outside of King County.

A subpoena must be served in accordance with Rule 3.1(a) of the Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (IRLJ). Acceptable methods include personal service by any person over 18 by exhibiting and reading it to the witness; by giving the witness a copy; by leaving a copy at the place of their residence; or by first class mail to the last known mailing address. When service is made by anyone other than an officer authorized to serve process, proof of service should be made by affidavit. You must serve the witness at least 7 days before the hearing; 10 days if served by mail.

SPEED MEASURING DEVICE CERTIFICATIONS:

For speeding offenses, the Court maintains written certifications for the speed measuring devices at the Clerk's Office, Room 335. The certifications are available for review upon request as required by state Court Rules. (IRLJ 6.6(d)). Copies of the certifications may be purchased in the Clerk's Office, Room 335, for a nominal copying fee.

OBJECTION TO HEARING DATE:

A defendant may object to a hearing date because it is not within the time limits prescribed by the Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction IRLJ 2.6(d). To object, a written motion for a speedy hearing must be filed with the court and served upon the City Attorney within 10 days after receiving this notice of hearing date. Failure to do so is a waiver of the objection. If you wish to change the hearing date to a different day, a written motion to continue must be filed with the court and served upon the City Attorney at least 15 days prior to the contested hearing for your request to be considered timely.

RIGHT TO APPEAL:

Following your contested hearing, you may appeal the judge's decision to the King County Superior Court, on legal and procedural errors only, at your own expense. You must file a Notice of Appeal form and pay a filing fee in Seattle Municipal Court (Clerk's Office, Room 335) within **30 days** of the date of the judgment in Municipal Court. You must send a copy of the Notice of Appeal to the City Attorney's Office. Additional costs may be assessed depending on the outcome of the appeal.