

Spokane Municipal Court
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Traffic Infraction Deferral Instructions

If you have received a traffic infraction you may be eligible to have the infraction deferred for up to one year under RCW 46.63.070(5)(a)(b) and (c).

To be eligible for a deferral you must meet the following criteria:

1. You must respond to your ticket timely or have a mitigation or contested hearing scheduled.
2. You must not have received a prior deferral within a seven-year period (from any court in the state of Washington) for a:
 - a. moving traffic violation (if requesting a deferral of a moving traffic violation); or a
 - b. non-moving traffic violation (if requesting a deferral of a non-moving traffic violation)
3. You do not possess a Commercial Driver's License.
4. You did not receive the ticket while operating a commercial vehicle.

Please keep in mind that even if you meet all the criteria, granting of a deferral is discretionary and will be determined by the Judge.

If you are granted a deferral the following conditions may be imposed:

- Payment of an administrative fee up to the full amount of the penalty.
- Commit no new traffic infractions during the deferral period.

If you comply with all conditions imposed, the deferred charge(s) will be dismissed and not reported to the Department of Licensing.

If you fail to comply with any of the conditions imposed the following will occur:

- The administrative fee will be forfeited
- The charge(s) will be found committed and the original penalty will be imposed.
- Department of Licensing will be notified.

If you would like to request a deferral, you must:

- 1. Complete the Request for Deferral of Traffic Infraction form.**
- 2. Include your name (Defendant) and case number on the top of the form.**
- 3. File the form at the Municipal Court Clerk's Office within 15 days of the receipt of the citation or at the time of your hearing (if one is scheduled).**