

Shoreline District Court Costs

Summary

The City of Shoreline and 12 others contract with King County for District Court services.

Revenue generated by infractions, and fines and fees associated with cases is used to offset total allocated costs for each city. For District Court services from 2008 to 2012, Shoreline paid an annual average of \$151,956 'out-of-pocket' (the portion of total allocated costs remaining after revenue is taken into account which must be covered by City-budgeted funds). The City's out-of-pocket costs increased by approximately \$40,000 in both 2013 and 2014. And, in 2014, Shoreline will pay slightly over \$240,000 for Court services.

Increases in out-of-pocket costs in 2013 and 2014 are notable since total allocated costs for all court services have decreased annually since their height in 2010. In 2010, Shoreline's allocated total cost was \$767,402, and in the years since, the City's allocated total cost has decreased to \$631,950 in 2014.

Traffic and non-traffic infractions are the main driver behind City revenue generation used to offset court costs. Total infractions (and thus revenues) decreased in 2013 and 2014. However, 2015 infraction rates are projected to increase by over 57% from 2014 totals, and thus, the City's out-of-pocket costs for 2015 Court services is expected to decrease, perhaps substantially.

Below is historical data on the City's case filings (including infractions), revenue, total allocated costs, and out-of-pocket costs, as well as graphical depictions which may be helpful in portraying the interplay between each.

Shoreline District Court Costs, Revenues, and Case Filings

Case Filings									Total Allocated Costs	Total Revenues	Final Shoreline Payments ('out-of-pocket')
Year	Infraction Traffic	Infraction Non-Traffic	Total infractions	DUI	Criminal Traffic	Criminal Non-Traffic	Parking	Total			
2003	5999	381	6380	194	501	592	1025	8692			
2004	3691	151	3842	169	244	493	743	5491			
2005	4668	78	4746	145	256	569	454	6170			
2006	7079	60	7139	147	597	575	593	9051			
2007	6913	72	6985	167	663	594	656	9065	-\$728,493	\$640,241	-\$88,252
2008	6064	110	6174	150	625	563	1008	8520	-\$778,207	\$630,751	-\$147,456
2009	5585	96	5681	128	686	528	988	8011	-\$762,665	\$653,695	-\$108,970
2010	5139	52	5191	113	482	563	570	6919	-\$767,402	\$598,873	-\$168,529
2011	5402	109	5511	119	526	628	671	7455	-\$766,222	\$598,873	-\$167,349
2012	4329	62	4391	113	470	508	416	5898	-\$765,397	\$597,919	-\$167,478
2013	2486	97	2583	127	386	453	414	3963	-\$648,672	\$445,125	-\$203,547
2014	2810	83	2893	86	315	460	438	4192	-\$631,950	\$391,839	-\$240,111
2015	4431	36	4467	81	333	333	507	5721			

