

I WAS GIVEN A TRAFFIC INFRACTION. HOW DO I GET A HEARING?

After you receive an infraction you have 15 days to respond to the Court. If you want a hearing for your infraction, you have two choices:

- Request a mitigation hearing either in person or by mail.
- Request a contested hearing either in person or by mail.

WHAT IS A MITIGATION HEARING?

- I agree I committed the infraction.
- I would like to have the penalty reduced.
- If you want to come to Court in person, complete the area on the infraction that requires your name, address and which hearing you are requesting and mail it to the Court. You will receive a notice in the mail with your Court date.
- If you want to mitigate by mail, complete the mitigation by mail form and mail it to the Court.

WHAT IS A CONTESTED HEARING?

- I did not commit the infraction.
- I want the infraction to be found not committed.
- If you want to come to court in person, complete the area on the infraction that requires your name, address and which hearing you are requesting and return it to the Court. You will receive a notice in the mail with your court date.
- If you want to contest by mail, complete the form and return it to the Court.
- If you contest your infraction, you are not eligible for a deferral.
- You cannot appeal a decision on written statements.

IF YOU HAD VALID INSURANCE AT THE TIME THAT YOU WERE GIVEN A NO INSURANCE INFRACTION, your ticket may be dismissed by providing proof of insurance at the time the ticket was issued plus \$25.00 statutory penalty. You may do this in person or by mailing your request to Benton County District Court at 7122 W Okanogan Pl, Bldg A, Kennewick WA 99336.