

GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL COURT
LOCAL INFRACTION RULE (LIRLJ)

LIRLJ 4.1 – MITIGATION AND CONTESTED HEARINGS BASED ON WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Submitting a written statement either contesting the infraction or explaining mitigating circumstances is authorized by local court rule. The statement shall contain the person's promise to pay the monetary penalty authorized by law if the infraction is found to be committed. The statement shall be sworn under penalty of perjury in compliance with RCW 9A.72.085.

A written request for a hearing by mail and a written statement under penalty of perjury in compliance with IRLJ 2.4(b)(4) must be filed with the court a minimum of five (5) court days in advance of the date set for hearing. A decision will be issued pursuant to IRLJ 2.6(c) and IRLJ 3.5. If a written submission is not timely provided and defendants fails to appear for the hearing, a committed finding may be entered and a penalty in the amount show on the fact of the citation assessed.

Decisions on Written Statements. The court has adopted this local rule authorizing decisions on written statements, and it shall, upon receipt of a statement pursuant to IRLJ 4.1 and IRLJ 2.6(c), consider the case in accordance with IRLJ 3.5. The court is not required to notify the parties of a date for the examination of the statement.

[This Rule shall be effective September 1, 2022.]