



District and Municipal Courts in King County

UNIFIED PAYMENT (UP) PROGRAM

Individuals with traffic-related fines in multiple jurisdictions within King County now have an easier and less expensive way to pay court-mandated fines and lift related holds from a person's driver's license before the fines are paid in full.

How it Works

1. Court customers with suspended licenses due to failure to respond/pay contact a court where they have fines to receive the necessary documentation needed in order to complete the online application.
2. Using the documentation provided by the court, the customer will submit an online application.
3. The payment agency works with individuals to determine a realistic payment plan, as low as \$25.00 per month, which includes a \$7.00 fee.
4. Once the payment agency receives the first installment, participating courts will be notified and they will notify the Washington State Department of Licensing that the hold can be removed from the person's driver's license.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this program needed? Shouldn't people just pay their fines?

Court fines can be a barrier for people, particularly those with limited economic means. In 2016, 66,000 people in King County had court fines that could have led to automatic suspension of their driver's license. Because fines are often collected through a collection agency, the baseline fines can grow exponentially due to interest and collection fees. This program allows people to pay back the fines without collection and interest fees, and lifts the hold on the license at the first payment.

What about people with fines in only one court?

All District and Municipal Courts in King County operate relicensing programs that have similar payment and relicensing opportunities for individual court customers. This plan allows a consolidated payment plan for people with fines in multiple courts in King County. People with fines in only one jurisdiction should contact that court for information on their relicensing program.

What if someone stops paying?

If a customer defaults on the UP Program, the payment agency sends a notice to the court, which then removes the case from the program. At that point, the court may assign the case to the collection agency and notify the Washington Department of Licensing to issue a hold on the license.

FAQ continued

Do I have to contact each court?

You can go to any District or Municipal Court in King County to get a copy of your case history and the UP Program information.

Who is the payment agency?

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson (LGBS), LLP.

What courts are participating in the UP Program?

Participating courts include King County District and the Municipal Courts of Algona, Auburn, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Des Moines, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Hunts Point, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Seattle, Shoreline, Skykomish, Tukwila, Woodinville and Yarrow Point.

Can I use the UP Program to pay a fine in another county?

At this time this program is only available in King County courts.

Is the \$7.00 monthly fee really less expensive than a collection agency?

The \$7.00 monthly fee pays for LGBS to administer the UP Program. Representatives work directly with clients to identify a customized payment plan, and interact with the courts to make the program successful. See the examples below for a breakdown comparing the UP Program with a collection agency.

REGULAR COLLECTION COSTS		PROPOSED UP PROGRAM	
36 Equal Monthly Payments of \$39.53 each		36 Equal Monthly Payments of \$34.78 each	
Violation	\$1,000.00	Violation	\$1,000.00
Collection Fee (19%)	190.00	Collection Fee (0%)	=
Interest during repayment period (12%)	232.86	Interest during repayment period (0%)	=
Set-up Fee	=	Set-up Fee	=
Monthly Fees	=	Monthly Fees (\$7.00/ month)	252.00
Total that consumer will pay	\$1,422.86	Total consumer will pay	\$1,252.00
56 Equal Monthly Payments of \$24.99 each		56 Equal Monthly Payments of \$24.86 each	
Violation	\$1,000.00	Violation	\$1,000.00
Collection Fee (19%)	190.00	Collection Fee (0%)	=
Interest during repayment period (12%)	433.98	Interest during repayment period (0%)	=
Set-up Fee	=	Set-up Fee	=
Monthly Fees	=	Monthly Fees (\$7.00/ month)	392.00
Total that consumer will pay	\$1,623.98	Total consumer will pay	\$1,392.00

For more information, please contact 425-487-5587.



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UNIFIED PAYMENT (UP) PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

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Participation Requirements

1. Must have two or more tickets in two or more courts in King County.
2. Tickets must have a hold or potential hold against the individual's driver's license.
3. Must have an ability to pay (those without the ability to pay should contact the court in which the ticket is filed).
4. Must take care of any outstanding warrants issued by a court in King County.

Applying for the Program

A program application can be obtained by contacting the payment agency at **1-844-544-5242**, online at www.KingCountyUP.com, or by contacting any court of limited jurisdiction within King County.

Algona (Pacific)	PAC	253-929-1140	Maple Valley (Kent)	KEM	253-856-5730
Auburn (King County)	AUM/KCD	206-205-9200	Medina (Kirkland)	KIM	425-587-3160
Bellevue (King County)	KCD	206-205-9200	Mercer Island	MIS	206-275-7604
Black Diamond	BDM	360-886-7784	Newcastle (Mercer Island)	MIS	206-275-7604
Bothell	BTM	425-487-5587	Normandy Park (Des Moines)	NPP	206-878-4597
Burien (King County)	KCD	206-205-9200	North Bend (Issaquah)	IQM	425-837-3170
Carnation (King County)	KCD	206-205-9200	Pacific	PAC	253-929-1140
Clyde Hill (Kirkland)	KIM	425-587-3160	Redmond (King County)	KCD	206-205-9200
Des Moines	DMM	206-878-4597	Renton	REM	425-430-6550
Duvall (King County)	KCD	206-205-9200	Sammamish (King County)	KCD	206-205-9200
Enumclaw	ECM	360-825-7771	SeaTac	STM	206-973-4610
Federal Way	FWM	253-835-3000	Seattle	SMC	206-684-5600
Hunts Point (Kirkland)	KIM	425-587-3160	Shoreline (King County)	KCD	206-205-9200
Issaquah	IQM	425-837-3170	Skykomish (King County)	KCD	206-205-9200
Kenmore (King County)	KCD	206-205-9200	Snoqualmie (Issaquah)	IQM	206-205-9200
Kent	KEM	253-856-5730	Tukwila	TKM	206-433-1840
King County	KCD	206-205-9200	Woodinville (Kirkland)	KIM	425-587-3160
Kirkland	KIM	425-587-3160	Yarrow Point (Kirkland)	KIM	425-587-3160
Lake Forest Park	LFM	206-364-7711			

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