

**KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
REQUEST, AND AGREEMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH COURT (rev. 11/21/2024)**

Youth Name: _____

Case No.: _____

1. I would like a judge to determine if I am eligible for East King County Youth Traffic Court (Youth Court). I understand the court will notify me of my eligibility and my court date. I also understand that if I do not hear from the court regarding my eligibility, I understand I must appear at any currently scheduled court date.

2. I have been referred to East King County Youth Traffic Court (Youth Court) and I wish to participate in the program. I was 16 or 17 years old at the time the infraction was alleged to have been committed. As a condition to participate in Youth Court, I understand and agree to the following:

3. I waive my right to a hearing within 120 days in adult traffic court. Participation in Youth Court is completely voluntary. If I decide not to participate in Youth Court, my case will be sent back to the adult traffic court. I understand the Youth Court has no authority to compel my appearance or participation in Youth Court.

4. I admit there is a high likelihood I would be found to have committed the infraction that is admitted into Youth Court. Youth Court will not determine whether I have committed the infraction. Youth Court will only consider factors surrounding the infraction in determining an appropriate disposition. I understand that the Youth Court will be composed of youths who have taken an oath of confidentiality regarding the proceedings.

5. I understand that I and my parent(s)/guardian(s) will have an opportunity to make a statement to the Youth Court and to make recommendations for disposition of my infraction.

6. I agree to abide by the disposition reached by the Youth Court. Conditions imposed on me by the Youth Court may include one or more of the following: (a) community service; (b) attending defensive driving school or driver improvement education classes at my expense; (c) requiring that I remain at home, school, or work during specified hours, and restricting my leaving or entering specified geographical areas; (d) participating in law-related education classes; (e) providing periodic reports to Youth Court; (f) participating in mentoring programs; (g) serving as a participant in one or more future Youth Court proceedings; (h) writing apology letters; and/or (i) writing one or more essays.

7. If I fail to comply with the Youth Court disposition within the 6-month period, this matter will be referred to the District Court where the infraction was originally filed.

8. All my questions about Youth Court have been answered to my satisfaction.

9. If I am eligible, I must sign and return this Agreement to obtain a hearing date in Youth Court.

Date: _____

Youth Signature: _____

Youth e-mail: _____

YOUTH COURT WILL CONTACT YOU AT THE EMAIL ADDRESS YOU HAVE PROVIDED WITH THE DATE AND TIME OF YOUR YOUTH COURT HEARING.

Approved on: _____

Disapproved on: _____

Judge's Signature: _____

Judge's Printed Name: _____