

**CITY OF TACOMA MUNICIPAL COURT
DEFENDANT’S ADVISEMENT OF RIGHTS**

This charge is a criminal offense, which carries a possible jail sentence. I understand that I have the following rights.

1. That I am presumed innocent of any charge until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
2. That I have the right to a speedy trial by an impartial judge or jury within specific time limits established by the Washington State Supreme Court. A defendant not released from jail pending trial must be brought to trial within 60 days after the date of the arraignment. A defendant released from jail pending trial must be brought to trial within 90 days after the date of the arraignment.
3. That I have the constitutional right to a jury trial unless I specifically give up that right.
4. That I have the right to hear and question all witnesses that testify against me at trial.
5. That I have the right at trial to call witnesses on my behalf, and the right to have the Court subpoena and order in such witnesses at no expense to me.
6. That I have the right at my trial to testify on my own behalf. I understand that I have a like and equal right to remain silent and not give testimony and/or not present any evidence in my defense and that such silence will not be used against me.
7. That I have the right at trial to be represented by an attorney of my own choosing, and that if I cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for me. If I desire a continuance of this proceeding to allow me to consult with an attorney before entering a plea, my request for a continuance will be granted.
8. That I have the right to ask for a different judge, within 10 days of arraignment, if I feel a particular judge is prejudiced against me.
9. That I have the right of appeal to the Pierce County Superior Court from any judgment of guilty entered by this Court, after a plea of “Not Guilty” or “Not Guilty for the Record” following a trial or hearing thereon, by filing a written “Notice of Appeal” in this Court within 30 days of the judgment, specifying claimed errors made by this Court, and serving a copy thereof on the Prosecutor and posting any appeal bond set by the Court.
10. That if I decide to enter a plea of “Guilty”, I will have NO right to a trial on the charge to which I plead “guilty”. All that will remain for the Court to do is impose a sentence. I further understand that I lose my right to appeal a sentence to which I plead “guilty”.
11. If I am not a citizen of the United States, a plea of guilty to an offense punishable as a crime under state law may be grounds for deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States.

I have read the above rights and under them: _____
Defendant’s Signature

 Defendant (Print Name) Date

 Email Cell Phone Home Phone

 Mailing Address City State Zip