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Tēnā koe Tracey,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 21 December 2021 for information about Warrant of Fitness Infringement notices issued by Hutt City Council (HCC). Specifically, you have asked for the following:

1. The number of parking fines issued by HCC for expired WOFs by council parking wardens for the following dates (first six months of each noted financial year as I want to see if these fines are increasing year on year):
 - July to Dec 2020
 - July to Dec 2019
 - July to Dec 2018
2. The total revenue generated by HCC parking fines for expired WOFs for the 2018/2019 and the 2019/2020 financial years.
3. Any criteria/process/handbook used by council staff for determining whether or not to waive traffic and parking tickets issued by HCC parking wardens.

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- **July to Dec 2020**
- **July to Dec 2019**
- **July to Dec 2018**

This information is tabulated below:

Date period	Number of infringement notices issued for not showing evidence of WOF inspection
July to December 2020	2782
July to December 2019	3006
July to December 2018	3479

The total revenue generated by HCC parking fines for expired WOFs for the 2018/2019 and the 2019/2020 financial years.

We have interpreted your request as being for incoming monies received by the Council from fines issued for Warrant of Fitness infringements (total revenue differs in that it includes outgoing expenses/revenue reversals (losses) incurred by Council).

This information is tabulated below, for incoming fines for Warrant of Fitness infringements.

Date period	Fines received by Council \$	
	Private vehicles	Commercial vehicles
2019-20 financial year	243,600	13,200
2018-19 financial year	276,110	13,200

Any criteria/process/handbook used by council staff for determining whether or not to waive traffic and parking tickets issued by HCC parking wardens.

This information is appended to this letter.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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Encl Compliance Guideline

COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES

This guideline should be read in conjunction with the national NZ Police Compliance Policy.

Offence	Descriptor	Policy	Comments
Expired licence label	Licence label expired by two months or more	<p>Cancel only when evidence is provided that the vehicle had been licenced prior to the issue of the infringement.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where the vehicle was licenced on-line but not yet received and displayed on vehicle Licenced but not displayed such as fallen out of holder or obscured by other invalid labels 	<p>As of 1 July 2015, the cost of annual licencing has reduced significantly therefore the Council's position is that the previous extended time of 12 months is no longer valid. The policy still remains generous, allowing a two month expiry before an infringement is issued</p> <p>Cancellation may be considered where evidence is presented that the vehicle has been wrecked, registration cancelled, and registration plates surrendered</p>
Expired evidence of vehicle inspection	Where expired for any period two months or less	<p>Cancel where following applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of new certificate provided to HCC Where the certificate has expired for more than two months, no cancellation is offered. There may be special circumstances where there is evidence the vehicle has been de-registered and permanently removed from road, allowing cancellation 	No cancellation is offered where any evidence indicates the vehicle was in poor condition or exhibiting serious defects (eg smooth or damaged tyres, crash damage)
Smooth or damaged tyres	Visible evidence that a tyre has no tread or any part of the tyre construction (cords) exposed	No cancellation is offered	<p>No cancellation where there is clear evidence that the vehicle has a serious defect and a clear risk to road safety</p> <p>May be cancelled where supporting photographs are poor and don't adequately demonstrate extent of damage</p>
Stopping and parking offences	All offences listed in Part 6 Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 and parking offences as described in HCC By-Law 2007	Cancellation of such notices are limited to incorrectly recorded details, circumstances that are proven to be beyond the control of the driver/owner, and any other occasion where the prosecution of an offence is not likely to proceed or be successful. This will include inadequately marked or illustrated areas and signs and any other occasion where pursuing an offence would not be in good faith or the interests of justice	<p>All explanations are fully reviewed and responded to in writing</p> <p>Any further explanations are reviewed by the Manager Parking Services</p>