

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

CITY OF BELLINGHAM,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Cause Number _____
)	
v.)	
)	Waiver of Constitutional Rights
)	
Defendant.)	

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SPEEDY TRIAL

I understand that I have the right to have my trial commence within sixty (60) days of my arraignment or first appearance after a failure to appear if I am being held in jail, or within ninety (90) days if I am not in jail.

The undersigned defendant, being fully advised of his/her rights regarding a speedy trial, knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waives (GIVES UP) his/her rights to a speedy trial. The new 60 or 90 day speedy trial period will commence on the following date:

COMMENCEMENT (*choose one*): TODAY or _____
Specify date no earlier than today's court date

Date: _____ Defendant's Signature: _____

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO ATTORNEY

I understand that I have the right to consult with and/or have an attorney represent me and that if I cannot pay for one myself, one will be appointed to represent me at public expense. I also understand that the charge against me is serious and can result in a jail sentence or fine or both if I am convicted. I also understand that a good defense is not just a matter of telling my side of the story, and that there are many technical rules of evidence and procedure which will apply to my case, which an attorney is trained to know, and that my not knowing them could be a substantial disadvantage to me in the trial and any further proceedings concerning my case.

I waive (GIVE UP) my constitutional right to consult with and/or have an attorney represent me in this case.

Date: _____ Defendant's Signature: _____

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL

I understand that I have a right to have my case decided by a jury of six (6) persons selected from the voters of WHATCOM COUNTY and that all six (6) of the jurors must agree on a verdict before I can be found guilty.

I waive (GIVE UP) my right to be tried by a jury and agree that my case may be heard and decided by a judicial officer of the Bellingham Municipal Court.

I further understand that I can change my mind about trial by a judge rather than a jury, provided I do so within ten (10) days of the date of my arraignment (first appearance). If I change my mind, I must notify the Court in writing within the ten (10) day period that I want a jury trial. The Court will then set a new date for the trial.

Date: _____ Defendant's Signature: _____