



INFORMATION SHEET RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DEFERRED PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Who qualifies for the deferred prosecution program?

Individuals who are charged with violation of the Unruly Gathering Ordinance (EC 4.672), may be eligible to participate in the Restorative Justice Deferred Prosecution Program. The City Prosecutor will determine eligibility.

What will I have to do if I participate in the program?

The Restorative Justice Deferred Prosecution Program entails the following:

1. Enter a Guilty or No Contest plea to the charge(s).
2. Commit no new related offenses during the deferred prosecution period.
3. Pay the court's deferred prosecution fee of \$75.00 within six months of your arraignment date.
4. Sign for a sentencing date at least six months from the date you enter into the Deferred Prosecution Program.
5. Contact the Restorative Justice (RJ) Program to set up an intake meeting *within 7 days of accepting the deferred prosecution*.
 - **IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AS A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON** contact UO Conflict Resolution Service's Restorative Justice Program at uorj@uoregon.edu or (541) 346-0617.
 - **IF YOU ARE NOT A UNIVERSITY OF OREGON STUDENT** contact the Center for Dialogue & Resolution's Restorative Justice Program at (541) 344-5366.
6. Attend the scheduled RJ intake meeting (30-60 minutes) and pay the program fee.
7. Participate in the RJ process (generally up to 2 hours). The process may involve:
 - a. Facilitated discussion regarding the incident/what happened and the impacts and harms that resulted from the incident. Participants in the process will include individuals directly and/or indirectly impacted, affected, or harmed by the incident. The facilitator(s) serves as an impartial third party.
 - b. Development of an agreement detailing what you will do to address the incident. This agreement is developed by ALL participants in the process, including you. All participants, including you, have equal voice in the process. The agreement varies case by case as the goal is to identify activities that will be the most meaningful and educational for your situation.

Agreements often includes activities such as:

 - i. Community Service (typically up to 20-25 hours)
 - ii. Apology letters
 - iii. Attendance at classes or meetings, such as Alcoholics Anonymous meetings or anger management classes
 - iv. Reflection papers

8. Complete all items in the RJ agreement, maintaining regular contact with the RJ Program regarding your progress.
9. Pick up your proof of Completion from the RJ Program.
10. File your Certificate of Completion with the court before your sentencing date.
11. Appear on the sentencing date if the terms and conditions of the RJ Agreement have not been met or the diversion was otherwise not completed successfully. If you have completed the program successfully *and* filed your Certificate of Completion with the court, you do not need to appear on the sentencing date.

What happens at the end of the six months?

If all of the terms and conditions of the Deferred Prosecution Program **have been met**, the case will be dismissed. **No additional appearance is needed for successful completion of the Deferred Prosecution Program.**

What if I fail to successfully complete the deferred prosecution program?

If you have not met all of the terms and conditions of the Deferred Prosecution Program, you will need to appear at the sentencing date. **Appearance is mandatory. Failure to appear for your sentencing date will result in a Guilty Plea being entered, additional fines and fees will be added and a possible suspension of your driver's license.**

Do these charges go on my driving record?

The charges listed above are not moving traffic violations and do not go on your driving record.

How much does the Restorative Justice Program cost?

The program costs total \$225. The total includes a \$75 deferred prosecution fee and \$150 program fee to the program provider.

Will these charges appear on my criminal history record?

A citation for the offense of Unruly Gathering is a violation and will not appear on your criminal history. Arrests for accompanying misdemeanor offenses will appear on your criminal history unless expunged. Convictions on misdemeanor offenses will also appear on your criminal history.