

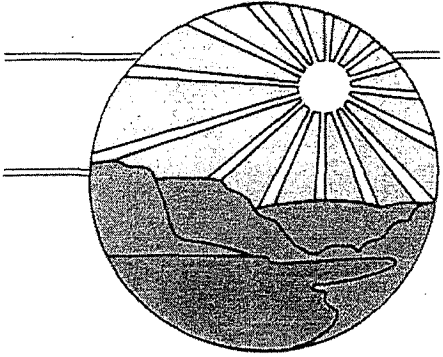
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**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 1:55 PM  
**To:** Faulk, Camilla  
**Subject:** City of Goldendale RE: Proposed Court Rule CrRLJ  
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Please find the attached letter being sent per our Mayor Arletta Parton regarding the proposed court rule CrRLJ.

Thank you,  
Tamera Griffith  
City of Goldendale



# CITY OF GOLDENDALE

1103 SOUTH COLUMBUS GOLDENDALE, WASHINGTON 98620

April 28, 2008

Clerk of the Supreme Court P.O.  
Box 40929 Olympia, WA  
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RE: Proposed Court Rule CrRLJ 4.1

To Whom It May Concern:

In Consultation with our current prosecuting attorney, full implementation of these proposed rule requirements would, without a doubt, have a significant impact on Prosecutor and indigent defense costs. In addition, the rule would increase Judicial and Court personal time and potentially lead to increased Court congestion. Even for our small jurisdiction, with only a few hundred cases a year, the criminal justice budget could increase as much as thirty to fifty percent.

This is truly an unnecessary and unfunded mandate. There is no constitutional right to an attorney at arraignment, and no constitutional requirement for the presence of a prosecutor at arraignment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (509) 773-3771.

Sincerely,

Arietta Farton Mayor, City of  
Goldendale