



CITY OF SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

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Motion to Set-Aside (Expungement) Process

Things you will need to complete this process:

- ✓ The necessary court forms to request this action;
- ✓ Oregon State Police (“OSP”) Request for Set Aside form (submit directly to OSP)
- ✓ Completed Fingerprint Card and fee, if applicable (submit directly to OSP)

Note: As of January 1, 2022, there is no court filing fee for any Motion to Set-Aside

The Springfield Municipal Court provides motions to set-aside forms or “packets” for no charge. Each packet should include a Motion, Affidavit, and Order.

You may pick up a packet from the Municipal Court Office during regular business hours:
Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF SET-ASIDES:

- 1) **Arrest:** You were arrested, but no charges were filed by the prosecutor. Motion may be filed 60 days from the date of your scheduled arraignment or 60 days after the prosecution indicates they will not pursue charges; whichever date is earlier in time.

OR

- 2) **Arrest:** You were arrested and charged with a crime or violation, and the charge was dismissed, or you were acquitted in court. Motion may be filed at any time after disposition.

OR

- 3) **Convictions:** You were arrested, charged, and convicted of a crime or violation. You may have served a jail sentence or paid an imposed fine.
 - A. Motions on Class A misdemeanors may be filed 3 years after pronouncement of judgment or bail forfeiture *and* if probation has ended.
 - B. Motions on Class B, Class C, or Contempt of Court misdemeanors may be filed 1 year after pronouncement of judgment or bail forfeiture *and* if probation has ended.

Certain types of crimes and violations do not qualify for expungement. If you submit a motion for an unqualified charge, the motion will be denied. ***For legal questions and/or legal assistance, please contact an attorney.***

Oregon State Police maintains a website, oregonstatepolice.com (see Identification Services Section, Expungement Process), which may provide good references to assist you in gathering the information you will need to fill out the forms. You may order a copy of your criminal history from the website. The Lane County Law Library is another available resource (for information, call (541) 682-4337 or go to www.lanecounty.org/Departments/CAO/LawLibrary)

You will also need to provide a set of your fingerprints. To make an appointment, contact the Lane County Sheriff’s Office (541-682-4150). Please note that there may be a fee for this service.

TO FILE:

- 1) Submit the *completed* forms (motion, affidavit and order) to the Municipal Court Office.
- 2) Submit Oregon State Police Request for Set Aside form and completed Fingerprint Card directly to OSP. (You can find this form on the Oregon State Police website. We do not have copies)
- 3) **IMPORTANT: Determine if you are required to pay a fee to Oregon State Police.**
 - a) If your case resulted in a conviction and you are filing a Motion to Set Aside Conviction, you may be required to pay a fee directly to the Oregon State Police for a fingerprint-based Criminal record check. ****See OSP's documentation for more information****
 - b) If you are filing a Motion to Set Aside Arrest, there is no fee required by Oregon State Police.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Once recorded at Municipal Court, the paperwork will be sent to the City Prosecutor's Office, where the case will be reviewed. The City Prosecutor will send information to Oregon State Police for processing. The City has a right to object to your arrest or conviction expungement request. Your paperwork is then forwarded to the Municipal Court Judge, who will sign the order (in agreement) or schedule a hearing for the prosecutor's objection, if one is received. If, at that hearing, the Judge determines the prosecutor's objection is in order, the Court will explain why your request is being denied in writing.

Once the order is compiled, Springfield Municipal Court will certify copies and forward them to the Oregon State police for completion. At that time, you will be notified by mail that the process has been completed.

Please be advised that the processing of a Motion to Set Aside may take several months because of the many agencies that are involved. Once you have filed your request, you may want to check in with the Court every 30 days or so to inquire about the status of the process.

*Disclaimer:

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