

Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Department of Law to compromise and settle the property damage claim of Nationwide Insurance as subrogee of William Stanton against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in the amount of \$16,562.85, with said amount to be paid out of the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2023, a Metropolitan Nashville Water Services employee was traveling north on Nolensville Pike and did not notice that traffic had stopped in front of him. The Metro vehicle struck the rear of the 2016 Buick La Crosse owned by William Stanton, causing significant damage to it; and,

WHEREAS, after investigation, the Metropolitan Department of Law believes that the settlement listed in Section 1 is fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Metropolitan Government and recommends that the property damage claim of Nationwide Insurance as subrogee of William Stanton be compromised and settled for \$16,562.85, and that this amount be paid from the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1: The Metropolitan Department of Law is authorized to compromise and settle the property damage claim of Nationwide Insurance as subrogee of William Stanton for the sum of \$16,562.85 with said amount to be paid from the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

Section 2: This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

<u>Analysis</u>

On April 24, 2023, a Metropolitan Water Services ("MWS") employee was traveling north on Nolensville Pike. Traffic in front of the employee stopped, but the employee did not notice. The employee could not stop and hit the vehicle owned by William Stanton. The impact of the crash pushed Mr. Stanton's vehicle into the vehicle in front of him

The repair estimate for Mr. Stanton's vehicle was \$13,155.82. The vehicle was determined to be a total loss by Mr. Stanton's insurance carrier, Nationwide, and the total demand amount was \$16,562.85.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of the property damage claim of Nationwide Insurance as subrogee of Mr. Stanton for \$16,562.85.

The MWS employee resigned shortly after the accident therefore no disciplinary action was taken by the department.

Fiscal Note: This \$16,562.85 settlement would be the 21st payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY24 for a cumulative total of \$1,115,563. The fund balance would be \$19,522,855 after this payment.