



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 personal injury claim of LaQondia Newsome against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in the amount of \$28,500.00, with said amount to be paid out of the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2020, an employee of the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure, while operating a vehicle owned by the Metropolitan Government, struck the rear of the parked vehicle which LaQondia Newsome was driving, causing injury to Ms. Newsome; 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 personal injury claim be compromised and settled for \$28,500.00, 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 personal injury claim of LaQondia Newsome for the sum of \$28,500.00 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.

Analysis

On October 16, 2020, LaQondia Newsome was the driver of a vehicle parked on 25th Avenue North. A Department of Public Works employee was parked behind the vehicle against traffic flow. As the Public Works employee attempted to back up, he struck the rear of Ms. Newsome's vehicle. The property damage claim for repairs to the vehicle have been previously paid for \$1,278.88. This settlement arises out of the same incident in Resolution No. RS2021-1105.

Ms. Newsome reported neck, shoulder, arm, thigh, and lower back pain and received continued treatment. She was treated to relieve and decrease pain, inflammation, muscle spasms, and to improve range of motion and functionality. Her total medical expenses totaled \$14,011.78.

The Metropolitan Department of Law recommends settling this claim for \$28,500, which includes \$14,488.22 for pain and suffering.

Disciplinary action against the employee consisted of a verbal reprimand.

Fiscal Note: This \$28,500 settlement, along with the settlement per Resolution Nos. RS2021-1095, RS2021-1105, RS2021-1107 and RS2021-1108 would be the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY22 for a cumulative total of \$379,625. The fund balance would be \$1,301,766 after these

payments.