



# 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 Larry Taylor against the Metropolitan Government for \$32,000, with said amount to be paid out of the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2023, an employee of the Metro Nashville Police Department, while operating a vehicle owned by the Metropolitan Government, was attempting to enter the ramp to I-65 South from the Louisville Highway. The MNPDP Officer was behind Larry Taylor's vehicle. The Officer looked over his shoulder and thinking Mr. Taylor had proceeded through the yield sign, accelerated the Metro vehicle, rear-ending Mr. Taylor's 2012 Chevrolet Impala, and causing injury to Mr. Taylor; 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 of Larry Taylor be compromised and settled for \$32,000, 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 Larry Taylor for the sum of \$32,000 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 July 20, 2023, a Metropolitan Nashville Police Department ("MNPDP") officer was driving his police car behind a vehicle driven by Larry Taylor on the Interstate 65 South ramp from Louisville Highway in Goodlettsville. The officer looked over his shoulder, thought Mr. Taylor's vehicle had proceeded through a yield sign, and subsequently accelerated and rear-ended Mr. Taylor's 2012 Chevrolet Impala. A payment was previously made for damage to Mr. Taylor's vehicle, which totaled \$1,096.40.

Mr. Taylor reported pain in his neck and lower back and received treatment at the emergency room on July 20, 2023. He later sought further treatment, where CT scans were performed and he received treatment to relieve pain in his neck and lower back. His medical costs totaled \$20,786.71.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of Mr. Taylor's personal injury claim for \$32,000.

The MNPDP officer involved received a written reprimand following the incident.

*Fiscal Note: The total settlement amount is \$32,000. This settlement would be the 22<sup>nd</sup> payment from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY24 for a cumulative total of \$1,147,563. The fund balance would be \$19,512,176 after this payment.*

