



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 Robert Steger against the Metropolitan Government for \$30,000.00, with said amount to be paid out of the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2023, an NDOT driver, in the course and scope of his employment, was traveling eastbound on Ewing Drive behind Robert Steger's vehicle. Mr. Steger slowed his vehicle coming to a full stop at the intersection of Ewing Drive and Brick Church Pike. The NDOT driver rear-ended Robert Steger's vehicle, causing injury to Mr. Steger; 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 Robert Steger be compromised and settled for \$30,000.00, 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 Robert Steger for the sum of \$30,000.00 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 August 21, 2023, Robert Steger was travelling east on Ewing Drive when he slowed his vehicle before stopping at the intersection of Ewing Drive and Brick Church Pike. A truck operated by a Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure ("NDOT") employee was behind Mr. Steger's vehicle and rear-ended it near the intersection. A payment was previously made for damage to Mr. Steger's vehicle, which totaled \$11,913.81.

Mr. Steger reported strained muscles in his neck with sharp, stabbing pains on his left and right sides. He was transported by ambulance to the hospital and sought additional care from a spine center. He received treatment to improve his ability to perform daily activities, reduce muscular spasms and hypertonicity, restore proper range of motion, and reduce pain. His medical costs totaled \$19,717.60.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of Mr. Steger's personal injury claim for \$30,000.

Disciplinary action against the NDOT employee is pending.

Fiscal Note: The total settlement amount is \$30,000. This settlement along with Resolution No. RS2024-428 would be the 25th and 26th payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY24 for a cumulative total of

\$1,406,067. The fund balance would be \$13,910,870 after these payments.