



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

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<b>Title:</b>	A resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Department of Law to compromise and settle the personal injury claim of Daniel Picazzo against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in the amount of \$15,000.00, with said amount to be paid out of the Self-Insured Liability Fund.		
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A resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Department of Law to compromise and settle the personal injury claim of Daniel Picazzo against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in the amount of \$15,000.00, with said amount to be paid out of the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, Daniel Picazzo was involved in an automobile collision on Hamilton Church Road when a Metropolitan Nashville Police Department vehicle made an abrupt left turn in front of Mr. Picazzo's vehicle, causing Mr. Picazzo personal injury; 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 any and all claims or causes of action brought or that could have been brought by Daniel Picazzo related to the events detailed above, be compromised and settled for \$15,000.00, 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 Daniel Picazzo for the sum of \$15,000.00 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

This resolution authorizes the Department of Law to settle the personal injury claim of Daniel Picazzo against the Metropolitan Government for \$15,000 to be paid from the self-insured liability fund. On May 8, 2020, a Metro police officer made an improper left hand turn in front of Mr. Picazzo's vehicle causing a collision that resulted in personal injuries to Mr. Picazzo. The officer did not have his emergency lights and siren activated at the time. Mr. Picazzo sought treatment at the hospital following the accident complaining of pain in his neck, knee, shoulder, and wrist. He received further treatment through an orthopedic clinic for one month. His medical bills total \$9,140.11.

The Department of Law recommends settling this claim for the amount of the medical bills plus \$5,859.89 in pain and suffering since the police officer was clearly at fault. The officer received disciplinary action consisting of a written reprimand.

*Fiscal Note: This \$15,000 settlement, along with the settlement per Resolution No. RS2021-716, would be the 22nd and 23rd payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY21 for a cumulative total of \$1,495,369. The fund balance would be \$1,590,476 after these payments.*