



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

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**Title:** A resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Department of Law to compromise and settle the personal injury claims of Dorthea Chatman against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in the amount of \$25,000 and that said amount be paid from the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

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A resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Department of Law to compromise and settle the personal injury claims of Dorthea Chatman against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in the amount of \$25,000 and that said amount be paid from the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2019, Dorthea Chatman sustained personal injuries when her vehicle was involved in a collision with a Nashville Fire Department ambulance at the intersection of Hamilton Church Road and Hobson Pike; 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 Dorthea Chatman related to the events detailed above be compromised and settled for \$25,000.00, 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 Dorthea Chatman for the sum of \$25,000 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 October 22, 2019, Dorthea Chatman was stopped at the intersection of Hamilton Church and Hobson Pike

when her vehicle was involved in a collision with a Nashville Fire Department ambulance. Ms. Chatman had stopped at a red traffic signal while the ambulance proceeded through the intersection with emergency lights and siren activated. Another vehicle proceeded through the intersection with a green traffic signal and did not see the ambulance. The ambulance struck the other vehicle and, in turn, struck two additional vehicles, including Ms. Chatman's vehicle.

Ms. Chatman was transported to the hospital complaining of a headache and other physical bodily pain. She was discharged and sought follow-up treatment. She underwent a course of physical therapy and treatment for headaches after the accident. Ms. Chapman's medical expenses total \$53,753.85.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of this personal injury claim for \$25,000. No disciplinary action was taken against the Metropolitan Government employee at the discretion of the employee's supervisor.

*Fiscal Note: This \$25,000 settlement, along with the settlements per Resolution Nos. RS2022-1705 and RS2022-1706 would be the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY23 for a cumulative total of \$139,674. The fund balance would be \$12,242,837 after these payments.*