

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 property damage claim of State Farm Insurance, subrogee of Jordan Rippelmeyer, against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in the amount of \$26,791.08, with said amount to be paid out of the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, a Metro Fire Department ambulance, while attempting to turn onto an icy and snow covered Hillside Avenue, struck Jordan Rippelmeyer's 2018 Audi Q3 and pushed it onto the sidewalk and into a telephone pole, causing property damage to Mr. Rippelmeyer's vehicle; 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 property damage claim be compromised and settled for \$26,791.08, 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 property damage claim of State Farm Insurance, subrogee of Jordan Rippelmeyer, for the sum of \$26,791.08, 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.

<u>Analysis</u>

On February 14, 2021, a Metropolitan Nashville Fire Department ambulance was traveling on Edgehill Avenue in inclement weather. The road was covered in snow and ice, and the ambulance slid while the driver attempted to turn onto Hillside Avenue. The ambulance struck a parked vehicle owned by Jordan Rippelmeyer.

Mr. Rippelmeyer's vehicle sustained damages to the rear bumper, passenger side quarter panel and doors. His insurance carrier submitted a repair estimate in the amount of \$18,488.54. The vehicle was declared a total loss.

The total settlement amount, based on the vehicle book value, insurance deductible, and fees, minus the amount of salvage recovery, is \$26,791.08.

The Metropolitan Department of Law recommends settlement of this property damage claim for \$26,791.08.

Fiscal Note: This \$26,791.08 *settlement, along with the settlement per Resolution No. RS2021-1338 would be the 21st and 22nd payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY22 for a cumulative total of \$1,092,918. The fund balance would be \$7,400,572 after these payments.*