



# 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 Sheena Mullins against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, in the amount of \$7,500.00, with said amount to be paid out of the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2019, Sheena Mullins was a passenger in a motor vehicle accident when a Metropolitan Nashville Police Department Officer, driving a Metro issued vehicle, rear-ended the vehicle in which Ms. Mullins was riding, causing Ms. Mullins 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 Sheena Mullins related to the events detailed above be compromised and settled for \$7,500.00, 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 Sheena Mullins for the sum of \$7,500.00, 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 September 9, 2019, Sheena Mullins was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Leroy Harris. The vehicle was traveling westbound on Central Pike. A Metropolitan Nashville Police Department ("MNPDP") officer was traveling in a patrol vehicle in the same lane of traffic directly behind Mr. Harris. Traffic came to an abrupt stop and the MNPDP officer's patrol vehicle collided with the rear of the vehicle in which Ms. Mullins was a passenger.

Ms. Mullins went to the emergency room with complaints of low back pain. She received a physical exam and x-rays and was diagnosed with a sprain of muscle, fascia, and tendon of the lower back. She again sought treatment after her back pain did not subside and was diagnosed with a dislocation of lumbar vertebrae, sprained ligaments, dislocation of thoracic spine, and muscle spasms. She received manual therapies and chiropractic adjustments. Her medical bills totaled \$4,574.60.

The Metropolitan Department of Law recommends settlement of Ms. Mullins's personal injury claim for \$7,500.

*Fiscal Note: This \$7,500 settlement, along with the settlements per Resolution Nos. RS2023-2104, RS2023-2119 and RS2023-2120 would be the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY23 for a cumulative total of \$1,010,921. The fund balance would be \$18,891,688 after these payments.*