



# 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 Cordolta Sullivan against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in the amount of \$27,000.00, and that said amount be paid from the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

WHEREAS, Cordolta Sullivan has claimed personal injuries and damages resulting from a motor vehicle accident in which her vehicle was struck by a Metro-owned vehicle in the Richland Creek Shopping Center on Charlotte Avenue; 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 Cordolta Sullivan related to the events detailed above, be compromised and settled for \$27,000.00 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 Cordolta Sullivan for the sum of \$27,000.00, 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 November 30, 2021, a Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (“MNPDP”) officer was driving an MNPDP patrol car in the scope and course of his employment. After completing a response to a traffic incident, the officer turned into the Richland Creek Shopping Center parking lot. As the officer was driving through the parking lot, he collided with the passenger side of Cordolta Sullivan’s vehicle. Both vehicles were in the travel lanes of the parking lot when the collision occurred.

Ms. Sullivan sought treatment for neck and chest pain at the emergency room following the accident. She was diagnosed with traumatic cervical neck pain and traumatic left sided chest pain. She sought follow-up treatment and underwent a three-month course of physical therapy. Her total medical expenses related to this accident were \$11,935.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of Ms. Sullivan’s personal injury claims for \$27,000.

Disciplinary action taken against the Metro employee involved consisted of a one-day suspension and remedial driving training.

*Fiscal Note: This \$27,000 settlement, along with the settlements per Resolution Nos. RS2023-2350 and*

*RS2023-2351, would be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY24 for a cumulative total of \$58,374. The fund balance would be \$17,599,413 after these payments.*