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Emergency Ordinance

*Pay settlement of Francis Gehman lawsuit in the sum of \$15,000 involving the Portland Housing Bureau

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Francis Gehman, through attorney J. Michael Harris, filed a lawsuit against the City and Commissioner Dan Ryan for damages involving the Portland Housing Bureau's (PHB) denial of Plaintiff's application for an exemption from paying relocation assistance.
2. PHB consulted its legal counsel and believes that the potential time and cost the bureau could incur in defending the lawsuit places a burden on and creates potential risk to the bureau. Therefore, to avoid the burden and potential risk associated with defending the lawsuit, PHB feels its prudent to compromise the lawsuit at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- A. The Mayor and the Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver a check in the amount of \$15,000 made payable to "Reeves Kahn Hennessy & Elkins Client Trust Account".
- B. PHB will execute a payment authorization in the amount set forth in sub-paragraph (a) above.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists in order to avoid undue and costly delay in settling this lawsuit; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

An ordinance when passed by the Council shall be signed by the Auditor. It shall be carefully filed and preserved in the custody of the Auditor (City Charter Chapter 2 Article 1 Section 2-122)

Passed by Council

October 27, 2021

Introduced by

[Commissioner Dan Ryan](#)

Bureau

[Housing Bureau](#)

Prepared by

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Date Prepared

September 23, 2021

Requested Agenda Type

Consent

Auditor of the City of Portland
Mary Hull Caballero

Impact Statement

 [Impact Statement](#) (27.91 Kb)

Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis

This Ordinance authorizes the payment of a settlement in the sum of \$15,000 involving Portland Housing Bureau related to paying mandatory city relocation assistance to a renter being displaced from current housing.

Agenda Items

760 Regular Agenda in [October 20, 2021 Council Agenda](#)

Referred to Commissioner of Public Works

773 Consent Agenda in [October 27, 2021 Council Agenda](#)

Passed

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea