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## 190614

Emergency Ordinance

### **\*Pay settlement of Aaron Cantu bodily injury lawsuit for the sum of \$125,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau**

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Aaron Cantu, through attorney Juan Chavez of Oregon Justice Resource Center, has filed a lawsuit against the City for injuries suffered during a protest involving the Portland Police Bureau on August 4, 2018.
2. The lawsuit has been investigated by Risk Management Services. The investigation indicates there is risk the City may be found liable. Therefore, in order to avoid the risk of an adverse jury award, we feel it is prudent to compromise the lawsuit at this time.
3. Risk Management Services recommends the lawsuit be compromised for the total sum of \$125,000, subject to the claimant providing the City with a release in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- A. The Mayor and the Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver a check in the amount of \$125,000 made payable to the Oregon Justice Resource Center Trust Account.
- B. Risk Management Services 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 bodily injury 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)

**Introduced by**

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#)

**Bureau**

[Management and Finance;](#)  
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**Requested Agenda Type**

Regular

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December 1, 2021

Auditor of the City of Portland  
Mary Hull Caballero

## Impact Statement

 [Impact Statement](#) (128.09 Kb)

## Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis

Total cost to the City to settle the lawsuit is \$125,000. The source of funding is the City's Insurance and Claims Fund. All costs of the settlement are in the current fiscal year.

## Agenda Items

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Passed

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea