

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Pay claim of Shannon Kuehl in the sum of \$35,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This Ordinance settles a bodily injury lawsuit brought by Shannon Kuehl for injuries from a trip-and-fall incident on a path built and maintained by the Bureau of Environmental Services. Ms. Kuehl was injured on March 18, 2014, when she tripped on a raised section of concrete on the path. The subsequent lawsuit claimed damages of \$244,000. This Ordinance settles that lawsuit for the total sum of \$35,000.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This legislation will have no impact on City revenue.

Total cost to the City to settle the claim is \$35,000. The source of funding is the City's Insurance and Claims Fund. All cost of the settlement is in the current fiscal year. This Ordinance does not amend the budget.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This Ordinance settles a tort lawsuit resulting from an injury occurring on a path maintained by the Bureau of Environmental Services. No public involvement or input was sought regarding this Ordinance. The City Attorney's Office and Risk Management have concluded that it is not appropriate to have public involvement in settlement negotiations regarding tort claims or lawsuits against the City.

No future public involvement is anticipated or necessary. Approval by City Council of this Ordinance will fully settle a tort lawsuit against the City of Portland.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount