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Emergency Ordinance

***Pay property damage claim of Rebecca Johnson for \$27,715 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Bureau of Transportation**

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Rebecca Johnson, and their insurer, Safeco Insurance have filed a claim against the City for damages resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Bureau of Transportation on June 1, 2023.
2. The claim 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, it is prudent to compromise the claim at this time.
3. Risk Management Services recommends the claim be compromised for the total sum of \$27,715, 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 Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver a check in the amount of \$27,715 made payable to Safeco Insurance.
- 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 property damage claim; 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
March 6, 2024

Auditor of the City of Portland
Simone Rede

Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#)

Bureau

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

Consent

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date
March 6, 2024

Impact Statement

Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

This Ordinance settles a property damage claim brought by Rebecca Johnson, resulting from a motor vehicle collision in northeast Portland.

Financial and Budgetary Impacts

This legislation will have no impact on City revenue.

Total cost to the City to settle the claim is \$27,715. 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 claim resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Bureau of Transportation. 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 claim against the City of Portland.

100% Renewable Goal

This legislation will have no impact on City energy use.

Agenda Items

203 Consent Agenda in [March 6, 2024 Council Agenda \(https://www.portland.gov/council/agenda/2024/3/6\)](https://www.portland.gov/council/agenda/2024/3/6)

Passed

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea