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# 191907

Emergency Ordinance

## \*Pay settlement of Kristina and Jason Norris bodily injury lawsuit for \$500,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Kristina and Jason Norris, through their attorneys Gloria Trainor and Kristin McCall, have filed a lawsuit against the City for injuries resulting from an encounter with a Portland Police K-9 dog on March 12, 2021.
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, it is prudent to compromise the lawsuit at this time.
3. City Attorney, Risk Management Services, and the Portland Police Bureau recommend the lawsuit be compromised for the total sum of \$500,000, subject to the claimants 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 \$500,000 made payable to Trainor Law PC.
- 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

Introduced by

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Passed by Council

October 9, 2024

Auditor of the City of Portland

Simone Rede

## Impact Statement

### Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

This Ordinance settles a bodily injury lawsuit brought by Kristina and Jason Norris, resulting from an encounter with a Portland Police K-9 dog.

### Financial and Budgetary Impacts

This legislation will have no impact on City revenue.

Total cost to the City to settle the lawsuit is \$500,000. 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.

### Economic and Real Estate Development Impacts

This ordinance will not have economic and real estate development impacts.

### Community Impacts and Community Involvement

This Ordinance settles a lawsuit resulting from an encounter with a Portland Police K-9 dog. 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.

### Financial and Budget Analysis

Claim regarding bodily injury occurring on March 12, 2021 involving a Portland Police Bureau K-9 dog. Total cost to the City to settle the claim is \$500,000. The source of funding is the City's Insurance and Claims Fund. All costs of the settlement are in the current fiscal year.

## Document History

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City Council

Passed

Aye (5):

Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez, Ted Wheeler