



City of San Antonio

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Title: Ordinance approving the settlement of a lawsuit styled *Cynthia Harris v. City of San Antonio*; Cause Number 2016-CI-01863, pending in 288th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas in the amount of \$130,000.00 paid from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund. [Andrew Segovia, City Attorney]
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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
8/30/2018	1	City Council A Session	adopted	Pass

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Andrew Segovia

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

Settlement of a lawsuit styled *Cynthia Harris v. City of San Antonio*

SUMMARY:

This item authorizes the settlement of a lawsuit styled *Cynthia Harris v. City of San Antonio*; Cause Number 2016-CI-01863, pending in 288th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas in the amount of \$130,000.00 paid from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Cynthia Harris is seeking damages as a result of a fall that occurred on April 22, 2014 in the elevator lobby at the city-owned parking garage at the corner of St. Mary's Street and Travis Street in San Antonio.

The parties have reached a mutual agreement to settle these claims including payment to Ms. Harris in the amount of \$130,000.00, subject to City Council Approval. This amount would be paid from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund.

ISSUE:

Settlements over \$50,000 require City Council approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

If this settlement is not approved by the City Council, this case will proceed to a jury trial. It is in the best interest of the City to settle this matter to avoid the uncertainties and risks associated with litigation in a case of disputed damages.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, \$130,000.00 will be paid to Cynthia Harris and her attorney of record. This will be funded in accordance with the FY 2018 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this item.