



# City of San Antonio

## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 20-4641

**Type:** Misc - Settlement Agreements

**In control:** City Council A Session

**On agenda:** 8/13/2020

**Title:** Ordinance approving the settlement of a lawsuit styled Sandra Rios v. City of San Antonio, Cause No. 2017CI06923 pending in the 288th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas in the amount of \$85,000.00. [Andrew Segovia, City Attorney]

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Draft Ordinance, 2. Ordinance 2020-08-13-0524

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**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney's Office

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Andy Segovia, City Attorney

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

### SUBJECT:

Settlement of litigation styled Sandra Rios v. City of San Antonio

### SUMMARY:

This item will approve the settlement of a lawsuit styled Sandra Rios v. City of San Antonio, Cause Number 2017-CI-06923 pending in the Bexar County 288<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in an amount of \$85,000.00 payable from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 13, 2016, Plaintiff Sandra Rios slipped and fell while approaching an elevator at the City owned Houston Street Garage, 240 E. Houston St in downtown San Antonio. As a result, Ms. Rios suffered injuries, incurred medical expenses and is seeking to recover damages.

The parties have agreed to settle the claims of Ms. Rios for \$85,000.00, subject to City Council approval. The funds are available 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.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, \$85,000.00 will be paid to Sandra Rios and her attorney of record, Andrew Toscano. This will be funded in accordance with the FY 2020 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this item.