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September 22, 2024

**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

RE: **Delbert Reliford v City of Detroit, et al**

Case No: 23-014122-NI

File No: L23-00633 (GBP)

We have reviewed the above-captioned lawsuit, the facts and particulars of which are set forth in a confidential memorandum that is being separately hand-delivered to each member of Your Honorable Body. From this review, it is our considered opinion that a settlement in the amount of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$15,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$15,000.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to **Delbert Reliford** and his attorney, **Chitalas Law Group**, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 23-014122-NI, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregory B. Paddison  
Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel

**APPROVED: September 26, 2025**

Conrad Mallett  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Patrick Cunningham  
**Patrick Cunningham**  
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

Attachments

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_:**

**RESOLVED**, that settlement of the above matter be and is hereby authorized in the amount of **\$15,000.00**; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant upon the proper account in favor of **Delbert Reliford** and his attorney, **Chitalas Law Group**, in the amount of **\$15,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which **Delbert Reliford** may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about April 10, 2023, and otherwise set forth in Case No. 23-014122-NI, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 23-014122-NI and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

**APPROVED: September 26, 2025**

Conrad Mallett  
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Approved by City Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_