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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

**RE: VAN DYKE SPINAL REHABILITATION CENTER, PLLC, (WALTER GAITER)  
V CITY OF DETROIT  
CASE NO: 21-001655-NF  
FILE NO: L21-00142 (AA)**

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 **SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/Cents (\$17,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/Cents (\$17,000.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to **VAN DYKE SPINAL REHABILITATION CENTER, PLLC, (Walter Gaiter) and THEIR attorney, HAKIM, TOMA & YALDOO, P.C.**, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No.21-001655-NF, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/Alfred Ashu  
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**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLET  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Krystal A. Crittendon  
**Krystal A. Crittendon**  
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 **SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/Cents (\$17,000.00)**; 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 **VAN DYKE SPINAL REHABILITATION CENTER, PLLC, (Walter Gaiter) and THEIR attorney, HAKIM, TOMA & YALDOO, P.C.**, in the amount of **SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/Cents (\$17,000.00)** in full payment for any and all claims which **VAN DYKE SPINAL REHABILITATION CENTER, PLLC, (Walter Gaiter)** may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about **February 8, 2020**, and otherwise set forth in Case No.21-001655-NF, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 21-001655-NF and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLETT  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Krystal A. Crittendon  
**Krystal A. Crittendon**  
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Approved by City Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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