



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX. AW  
12/6/2022

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Joint Resolution with the Oklahoma City Municipal Facilities Authority authorizing the Risk Manager and the Trust's legal counsel to enter into a Joint Petition Settlement of the Workers' Compensation Commission Claim No. CM-2021-02713A styled: *Maria Carter, Claimant vs. The City of Oklahoma City, Respondent*, an Own Risk Carrier, and further authorizing the Municipal Counselor to assist said counsel in the rendition of said Joint Petition Settlement to Judgment as authorized by 85 O.S. §346, 62 O.S. §§365.1 *et seq.* and Article 10, Section 28 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

### **Background:**

The Claimant, Maria Carter is a 45-year-old female and is a three-year employee of The City of Oklahoma City. At the time of the injury, she was assigned in the Development Services Department as an Animal Welfare Officer II. As of September 2, 2021, Claimant is no longer employed with the City of Oklahoma City.

Claimant sustained an undisputed accidental injury on March 12, 2021 to her lower back.

Claimant was evaluated by Dr. Lonnie Litchfield, M.D., on behalf of her attorney and found to have the following permanent partial impairment: 27% to the lower back.

Claimant was also evaluated by Dr. William D. Jones, M.D., on behalf of the City and found to have the following permanent partial impairment: 2% to the lower back.

The negotiated Joint Petition Settlement calls for a lump sum of \$11,340 for the following permanent partial disability: 9% to the lower back. The settlement includes a payment of \$660, for a full, final, and complete settlement, total award of \$12,000.

The settlement further calls for a 3% assessment of the PPD award, less the payment of the additional payment amount, in the sum of \$340.20 be deducted and paid for the Multiple Injury Trust Fund Tax, making the lump sum award, including the payment, \$11,659.80. The settlement further calls for \$2,400 to be deducted from the PPD award and paid in a lump sum to Claimant's attorney as a fair and reasonable fee. In addition, the City will pay Court costs of \$140; a Special Occupational and Safety Fund tax representing .75% of the permanent partial disability award, including the additional payment, shall be paid in the sum of \$90; and the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund, representing 2% of the permanent partial disability award, less the additional

payment, shall be paid in the sum of \$226.80.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the City's contract attorney, Hornbeek, Krahl, Vitali, law office located at 3711 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 and Claimant's attorney, Will Emig, law office located at 7 South Mickey Mantle, 2nd Floor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104.

Permanent Partial Disability Payment <sup>1</sup>	\$11,340.00
Additional Payment <sup>1</sup>	\$660.00
Special Occupational Health and Safety Fund Tax <sup>2</sup>	\$90.00
Workers' Compensation Administration Fund <sup>2</sup>	\$226.80
Multiple Injury Trust Fund Tax <sup>2</sup>	\$340.20
Workers' Compensation Court Costs <sup>2</sup>	\$140.00
District Court Costs <sup>3</sup>	\$161.00
Total Cost of Award	\$12,958.00

**Source of Funds:**

<sup>1</sup>Debt Service-Debt Service-Redemption of Judgments-Debt Service-Judgment (021-0250-9804600-55040007)

<sup>2</sup>OCMFA Services-Risk/Workers' Compensation-Risk Management MFA-Workers' Comp Claims (682-1451-2800750-52190061)

<sup>3</sup>General Fund-General Operations-Municipal Counselor-Professional Services Legal (001-0001-0700101-52040001)

**Review:**

Risk Management

**Recommendation:** Joint Resolution be adopted.