

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 26-175 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO CLAIMS FILED AGAINST THE CITY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 26-175 of the Code of Ordinances be hereby amended to read as follows:

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**Sec. 26-175. - Authority to compromise or settle claims against the city.**

- (a) Claims where a lawsuit has not been filed against the city.
  - (1) After investigation in accordance with the policy stated in section 26-172, city attorney or his authorized designee is authorized to compromise or settle any claim against the city without the necessity for the filing of a lawsuit against the city in a matter where such settlement does not exceed \$50,000.00.
  - (2) After investigation in accordance with the policy stated in section 26-172, any claim that is \$50,000.00 or more but less than \$200,000.00 may be settled without the necessity for the filing of a lawsuit against the city only after it has been approved by the risk management committee.
  - (3) After investigation in accordance with the policy stated in section 26-172, any claim that is \$200,000.00 or more may be settled without the necessity for the filing of a lawsuit against the city only after it has been approved by the city council by a motion followed by a vote of the majority of those present and voting, a quorum being present, at a lawful meeting of the council which shall be open to the public.
- (b) Claims where a lawsuit has been filed against the city.
  - (1) After investigation in accordance with the policy stated in section 26-172, the city attorney is authorized to compromise or settle any claim in a lawsuit against the city in a matter where such settlement does not exceed \$200,000.

(2) After investigation in accordance with the policy stated in section 26-172, any claim in a lawsuit that is \$200,000 or more may be settled only after it has been approved by the city council.

(c) Any such compromise settlements shall be exigible, payable, and paid only out of funds appropriated for that purpose by the city council.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of [Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23](#).

**THUS DONE AND ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office