

**FACT SHEET**

**CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

---

<b><u>TITLE</u></b> 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.	<b><u>DATE</u></b> 1/8/2024	<b><u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u></b> City Attorney <b><u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u></b> N/A <b><u>SPONSOR</u></b>
--	--------------------------------	---

---

**PURPOSE**

To amend the section of the Code of Ordinances dealing with the authority to compromise or settle claims against the city

---

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

As the Code of Ordinances currently reads, the city attorney, or his/her authorized designee, is permitted to settle any claim against the city without having to file a lawsuit if the amount of the settle does not exceed \$30,000. This legislation would change the amount to \$50,000 It also allows the city attorney, or the authorized designee, to settle a claim against the city without having to file a lawsuit if the amount is between \$30,000 and \$200,000 if the risk management committee approves. This legislation would make the range between \$50,000 and \$200,000. The second change this legislation proposes is that any claim that is \$200,000 or more may only be settled after it has been approved by the council. The city has been following this procedure; however, the Code does not reflect this procedure as currently written. Currently, the Code requires approval by the council by resolution. This proposed legislation removes the resolution requirement and will mirror what the council has been currently doing.

---

**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: 01/09/2024  
Final Passage: 01/23/2024

**ATTACHMENTS**

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

---

**FINANCES**

\$ N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

N/A

---

**ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) amend the ordinance, or (3) reject the ordinance.

---

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the City Council adopt the ordinance.

---

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

Manushka Gracia-Desgage