

SUBJECT: Settlement of lawsuit styled: Cause No. 2013-33506; <i>Cassie Cruise v. City of Houston</i> ; in the 129 th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas		Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
FROM (Department or other point of origin): Legal Department – General Litigation Section <i>RL</i> Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney		Origination Date	Agenda Date
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: <i>Ronald C. Lewis by permission Debra Perry</i>		Council District affected:	
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RECOMMENDATION: (Summary) That Council adopt an ordinance approving and authorizing a Compromise, Settlement and Release Agreement (CSA) between Cassie Denise Cruise and the City of Houston in the amount of \$137,500.00 to settle a lawsuit.			
Amount and Source of Funding: \$137,500.00 [] General Fund [] Grant Fund [] Enterprise Fund [x] Other (Specify) – Property & Casualty Fund (1004)			
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION: Settlement approval is requested for this matter, which involves an automobile accident that occurred on November 8, 2011, at the intersection of Rosehaven and Chimira. At the time of the accident, Chimira Street normally had stop signs on the east and west of the intersection. The sign for the eastbound traffic was missing. Frederick Tippet-Crenshaw, another defendant, was travelling east on Chimira and collided with vehicle driven by Cruise, the plaintiff, allegedly due to the missing stop sign. Cruise was taken by ambulance and treated for neck pain. Cruise underwent cervical spine decompression surgery as well as another surgery which was allegedly unsuccessful. Cruise's physician is recommending an additional surgery to reduce her pain. Her medical bills in the past exceeded \$137,500.00. Tippet-Crenshaw settled separately with Cruise. The total settlement requested to be approved is \$137,500.00. Funding for this item is included in the FY2018 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policy Ord. 2014-1078.			
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION			
Other Authorization:		Other Authorization:	