

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0459

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Office of General Counsel

Date of Introduction: June 24, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: June 23, 2025

Type of Action: Approve and ratify, and authorize the General Counsel to execute a settlement agreement and take further action as necessary to effectuate the settlement agreement

Bill Summary: This bill approves and ratifies, and authorizes the General Counsel to execute, a settlement agreement between the City and the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General. The bill provides the terms and conditions for the City's reimbursement of overpayments made to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) for certain ambulance transportation services rendered by JFRD between December 1, 2022, and January 31, 2023, including restitution and penalties in the total amount of \$154,654.79

Background Information: For the period of December 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023, JFRD mistakenly presented invoices to Medicare, the Florida Medicaid Program, Tricare, and the Veterans Administration for services that were provided by several JFRD Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians whose licenses recently expired. Payments were made to JFRD for these services by the Federal Government, resulting in overpayment to the City. The City wishes to correct the overpayments by entering into a settlement agreement with the HHS Office of Inspector General, which includes restitution and payment of a penalty, and resolves the City's liability to the Federal Government for improper claims and overpayment.

The total amount of the settlement is \$167,111.31, including \$111,407.54 in overpayments to the City and a penalty of \$55,703.77. The City has already repaid \$12,456.52 of the overpayment, leaving \$98,951.02 to be repaid. The total remaining balance to be paid to the Office of Inspector General is \$154,654.79. The purpose of this bill is to approve and ratify the settlement agreement and authorize the General Counsel to deliver the agreement on behalf of the City and take any other action to effectuate the agreement.

Policy Impact Area: JFRD, contract compliance

Fiscal Impact: The City has a remaining balance of \$154,654.79 due to the HHS Office of Inspector General

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