

ORDINANCE NO. 9031-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.527, CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the settlement authorization extended to the city manager, the risk manager and staff has not been increased since 1980; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Chapter 2, Section 2.527, Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.527. - Settlement of claims.

(1) The city manager or his/her designee is authorized to settle and release, on behalf of the city, any claim or lawsuit both for and against the city, up to and including ~~\$25,000.00~~ \$50,000.00; provided, however, that any settlement that exceeds ~~\$7,500.00~~ \$15,000.00 shall be reviewed by the city attorney and/or designee and any claim that exceeds ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$25,000.00 shall require unanimous written concurrence of the city manager, city attorney and risk manager or their designees.

(2) Delegation of settlement authority. The city manager may delegate the authorization to settle claims pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to other city employees as the city manager may deem appropriate.

(3) City council approval of settlements. Any proposed settlement of any claim resulting in non-reimbursed expenditure of city funds that exceeds ~~\$25,000.00~~ \$50,000.00, shall first be approved by the city council before the settlement can become final and binding upon the city.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED ON FIRST READING

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL
READING AND ADOPTED

George N. Cretekos
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Pamela K. Akin
City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk