

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2018-39

No. 384 AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE VI, "CITY SOLICITOR," SECTION 99, "AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO CITY SOLICITOR TO SETTLE SMALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY"

Approved July 10, 2018

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, "Administration," Article VI, "City Solicitor," Section 99, "Authority delegated to City Solicitor to settle small claims against the city," is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-99. - Authority delegated to city solicitor to settle small claims against the city.

- (a) The city solicitor shall have the authority and power delegated to him and his office to settle claims against the city for damages and injuries due to, or occasioned by, the negligence of the city or any officer, agent, or employee of the city without the necessity of the approval of the mayor or the chairman of the committee on claims and pending suits in claims not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). At any time when the city solicitor shall exercise the authority and power delegated to him under this ordinance he shall report the disposition to the committee on claims and pending suits.
- (b) For the settlement of claims, pending suits, arbitrations, mediations, consent decrees, consent judgments and/or any other legal matters of any kind that the city seeks to resolve by agreement, and whose resolution would have a fiscal impact of more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), the city solicitor, or other attorney representing the City, shall not have the authority to settle the matter without approval of the committee on claims and pending suits and the Mayor. This approval requirement shall not apply to the matters listed below; but when a settlement of one of the matters listed below occurs, the settlement shall be reported, at least quarterly to the committee on claims and pending suits:
 1. Matters involving collective bargaining agreements that are subject to Section 17-27;
 2. Labor disputes, including grievances, arbitrations, and separation agreements, where the settlement amount does not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), and where the director of human resources, or, in the case of public safety employees, the commissioner of public safety, consents to the settlement;
 3. Actions brought pursuant to the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Act; and
 4. Matters concerning appeals for relief from tax assessment where the tax assessor consents to the settlement.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**IN CITY
COUNCIL
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FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED**

Daniel C. Santoro
PRESIDENT
Lowell L. Hynes
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

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Mayor
Date: 7/10/18