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Settlement of Worker's Compensation Claim - Elmer A. Strickland (NB)

This item involves the full and final settlement of Mr. Strickland's worker's compensation claim(s), which will include all future medical, indemnity and Medicare Set-Aside payments. The total settlement amount is \$350,000 and represents a significant cost advantage to the City.

While employed by Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR), in 1990 Mr. Strickland suffered a compensable heart attack and has received treatment for the condition since that time. As a result of his injury and subsequent permanent work restrictions imposed by his treating physicians, Mr. Strickland was accepted as permanently and totally disabled in December of 2000.

Recently, the City, Mr. Strickland and Safety National, our excess carrier, agreed to the settlement of his worker's compensation claim. Mr. Strickland and Safety National have agreed to the proposed settlement. The City Attorney's Office, the Risk Management Department, GFR, Special Counsel and our Worker's Compensation servicing agent all concur as to the full and final settlement of this claim. The total amount, \$350,000, includes all attorney fees, future medical costs, past and future indemnity payments, taxable costs and Medicare Set-Aside payments.

The settlement of this case in the amount of \$350,000 will be paid by the General Insurance Fund and reimbursed by Safety National, our excess carrier.

The City Commission authorize Special Counsel to prepare and execute the appropriate documents for a lump-sum settlement of the Worker's Compensation Claim of Elmer A. Strickland in the amount of \$350,000.