

Ordinance

Amending Chapter 17, Section 17-18 Self-Insurance; claims settlement, of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances in its entirety; providing for severance; providing for publication; and providing an effective date

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Section 17-18, of the Code of Ordinances, Self-Insurance; claims settlement, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 17-18. Self-Insurance; claims settlement.

- (a) The City self-insurance fund, as funded in the annual budget or by amendments thereto, shall provide coverage for (1) Tort Claims, including but not limited to; property damage, bodily injury, auto liability, public officials liability, liability for loss of money or securities and otherwise general liability claims; (2) Federal Claims, i.e.; employment, use of force, discrimination; (3) Workers' Compensation claims; and (4) Property Insurance. No part of said fund shall be expended for any purposes other than the losses or liabilities of the City; or the losses and liabilities of City officers, employees and agents, where indemnification is required by the ordinance for legal defense of city officers and employees, or by other law, or authorized by the city council; or for administrative expenses associated with the self-insurance fund.
- (b) The Risk Manager shall cause a professional actuarial audit and report of the self-insurance fund annually to determine funding and budgetary requirements in accordance with prevailing actuarial standards. Additional professional actuarial audits and reports may be conducted as needed to assess solvency.
- (c) The Risk Manager will administer the self- insurance program; including but not limited to, liability and workers' compensation programs, procurement of insurance policies for the city, loss control initiatives, safety programs and the performance of risk assessments.
- (d) The City Manager or his or her designee may establish administrative procedures for the settlement and payment of claims.
- (e) Authority to settle claims brought against the City of Corpus Christi and claims filed by the City of Corpus Christi from the self-insurance fund is expressly delegated to the officials and in the amounts set forth below:

General Liability Claims and Administrative matters arising under Texas workers' compensation laws to the extent that they can be legally settled

<i>Authorized Official</i>	<i>Dollar Amount</i>
Risk Manager or City Attorney	\$0-\$35,000
Risk Manager/City Attorney (Jointly)	\$35,001-\$55,000
City Attorney/City Manager (Jointly)	\$55,001-\$75,000

All settlements in excess of \$75,000 shall be approved by the City Council.

SECTION 2. If for any reason any section paragraph subdivision clause phrase word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect any other section paragraph subdivision clause phrase word or provision of this ordinance for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section paragraph subdivision clause phrase word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 3. Publication shall be made one time in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect immediately upon passage.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the _____ day of _____, _____, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Chad Magill	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Colleen McIntyre	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lillian Riojas	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____	Mark Scott	_____
David Loeb	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the _____ day of _____, _____, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Chad Magill	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Colleen McIntyre	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lillian Riojas	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____	Mark Scott	_____
David Loeb	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the _____th day of _____, _____.

ATTEST:

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor