

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1229 (VERCHER) – This resolution would authorize the Department of Law to settle the property claim of Zakia Smith against the Metropolitan Government in the amount of \$15,548.62.

A sewage backup occurred inside Ms. Smith's home, leading to the discovery that the sewer service line was sloping in the wrong direction. The interior of Ms. Smith's home was severely damaged from the sewage backup. All water pipes in the house, the bathroom sink and drain system, the galvanized water lines, the wall behind the kitchen cabinets, and the rubber boot on the roof were replaced. The flood under the toilet and the wall behind the tub were repaired. The clogged sewer service line was replaced and rerouted away from the home in March 2018. Grass seed, fertilizer, and top soil were ordered for the yard to restore it to its original condition in March 2018.

Ms. Smith has agreed to accept a total of \$15,548.62 in full settlement of this case, based upon reimbursement for \$15,323.62 for handyman services and \$225 for lawn care services.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of this claim for \$15,548.62.

Fiscal Note: This settlement would reduce the balance of the Self-Insured Liability Fund by \$15,548.62.