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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vice Mayor Angie Henderson
Metropolitan Council

FROM: Allison Bussell, Associate Director of Law

DATE: September 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Report of Final Judgment

Pursuant to Metro Code of Ordinances § 2.40.115(B), the Department of Law reports the following judgment against Metro Nashville, which recently became final:

Case Name	Court	Docket #	Amt of Judgment
<i>Tankard, Brooklyn v. Metro Nashville</i>	Circuit Court - Eighth	21C301	\$65,726.77

Description of Claims and Defenses:

This GTLA claim arose from a trip and fall on a trash can base in the downtown area. The trash can had been removed, leaving a protruding metal base near a bus stop. Liability was clear because Metro Nashville had at least constructive notice, and the condition was inherently dangerous. Plaintiff, however, claimed damages far beyond what could be reasonably attributed to this accident. Thus, a trial was needed to clarify the scope of damages.

Procedural Posture:

The Trial Court ruled in Plaintiff's favor but significantly narrowed the damages from what Plaintiff requested. Through strong cross examination and expert proof to counter Plaintiff's claimed damages, Metro Nashville established, and the Court agreed, that only a portion of what Plaintiff claimed was attributable to this trip and fall. Thus, while liable, Metro Nashville limited its exposure significantly.

Parties and Counsel:

Plaintiff: Brooklyn Tankard
Plaintiff's Counsel: Michael Fisher and Rocky McElhaney
Defendant: Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County