

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE  
SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF  
MARIO HINES**

**WHEREAS**, on December 2, 2024, Mario Hines filed a Notice of Claim against the City of Mount Vernon (the “City”) alleging property damage resulting from a tree branch that fell onto his 2011 BMW 7 Series 4D Sedan from a tree located on City property during an incident that occurred on October 9, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, after negotiations between the parties, the City has agreed to settle the claim with Mario Hines for \$2,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated March 22, 2025, the Corporation Counsel has recommended that the Board of Estimate and Contract approve the proposed settlement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Estimate and Contract of the City of Mount Vernon as follows:

**Section 1. Approval of Settlement.** The settlement of the claim filed by Mario Hines against the City of Mount Vernon is hereby approved in the total amount of \$2,500.00, inclusive of all claims, costs, and attorney’s fees.

**Section 2. Authorization of Payment.** The City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to allocate and disburse the amount of \$2,500.00 from Budget Code A1910.469 (Insurance Claims), as appropriated in the 2025 City Budget, in satisfaction of the settlement.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate and Contract.