

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement is made and entered into as of the last day set forth on the signature page (“Effective Date”) by Christine Carole Sheran, (the “Plaintiff”), and the City of Duluth (the “Defendant”). The Plaintiff and Defendant (collectively the “Parties”), enter this Settlement Agreement for the purpose of resolving by compromise and settlement of all claims, controversies, alleged liabilities, and disputes between them.

WHEREAS, Plaintiff commenced legal action against Defendant in the Saint Louis County District Court of the State of Minnesota in *Christine Sheran v. City of Duluth*, St. Louis County District Court File No. 69DU-CV-18-1461 (the “Action”);

WHEREAS, as a result of settlement negotiations, the Parties agreed to a settlement concerning the Action and any potential future action arising from the facts and circumstances alleged in the Action;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties, desiring to fully and finally settle the Action and any other claims, known or unknown, that Plaintiff may have against Defendant, the City of Duluth (the “City”), and parties known or unknown, including employees, or agents of the City, arising from the facts alleged in the Action, and in consideration of the promises and covenants hereinafter contained, and intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

1. **Releases:** Plaintiff provide a full, final, and general release of all claims, known or unknown, against all parties, known or unknown, arising out of the facts and circumstances alleged in the Plaintiff’s pleadings in the Action.
2. **No admission of liability or wrongdoing.** There is no admission of liability or wrongdoing by any Party, and all Parties understand that this settlement represents a mutual agreement to resolve disputed claims and buy present and future peace as between the Parties on any matter covered by the foregoing Releases.
3. **Settlement Payment:** Plaintiffs shall provide counsel for Defendant and the City with payee information and any necessary tax identification information. Within 30 days of receipt of such payee and other necessary information, as further consideration of the foregoing Release, the City shall make a Settlement Payment to Plaintiff in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (**\$75,000.00.**)
4. **Dismissal of Action:** The Parties agree to dismiss the Action with prejudice, on the merits.
5. **Attorneys’ Fees and Costs:** Each Party shall be responsible for its own fees and costs related to the Action.
6. **Acknowledgments:** Each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that:
 - a. This Agreement is entered into and executed voluntarily by each of the Parties hereto and without any duress or undue influence on the part of, or on behalf of, any such Party.

- b. Each of the Parties hereto has been represented by counsel of its/their own choice, or has had the opportunity to be represented by counsel and to seek advice in connection with the negotiations for, and in the preparation of, this Agreement and that he, she, or it has read this Agreement and that he, she or it is fully aware of its contents and legal effects. All Parties who are representing themselves are warned to obtain the advice of an attorney before signing this Agreement.
- c. The drafting and negotiation of this Agreement has been undertaken by all Parties hereto and their respective counsel. For all purposes, this Agreement shall be deemed to have been drafted jointly by all of the Parties hereto with no presumption in favor of one Party over another in the event of any ambiguity.
7. **Severability**: If any of the provisions of this Agreement are held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.
8. **Binding Effect**: This Agreement shall be binding on, and shall inure to the benefit of, the Parties hereto and their respective administrators, representatives, successors, and assigns.
9. **Governing Law**: This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota and any question arising hereunder shall be construed or determined according to such law.
10. **Further Assurances**: The Parties agree to do all acts and things and to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver such written documents, instructions and/or instruments in such form as shall from time to time be reasonably required to carry out the terms and provisions of this Agreement, including but not limited to, the execution, filing or recording of any reporting documents, affidavits, deeds or agreements. The Parties further agree to give reasonable cooperation and assistance to any other party or parties hereto in order to enable such other party or parties to secure the intended benefits of this Agreement.
11. **Counterparts**: This Agreement may be executed by the Parties in any number of counterparts, including by way of facsimile or electronic mail, and each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which, collectively, shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.
12. **Integration Clause**: This Agreement contains the entire agreement between and among the Parties hereto, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous discussions, negotiations, understandings and agreements, whether oral or written, express or implied, between or among them relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended orally, nor shall any purported oral amendment (even if accompanied by partial or complete performance in accordance therewith) be of any legal force or effect or constitute an amendment of this Agreement, but rather this Agreement may be amended only by an agreement in writing signed by the Parties.
13. **Headings and Captions**: The headings and captions inserted into this Agreement are for convenience only and in no way define, limit or otherwise describe the scope or intent of this Agreement, or any provision hereof, or in any way affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties hereto has executed this Agreement on the date set forth opposite his, her, or its name below. **The undersigned hereby certify that they have read and fully understand all of the terms, provisions, and conditions of this Agreement and have executed this Agreement voluntarily.**

PLAINTIFF CHRISTINE SHERAN

Dated: _____, 2019

Christine Carole Sheran

Dated: _____, 2019

Approved
by Counsel: _____

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DEFENDANT CITY OF DULUTH

Dated: _____, 2019

Approved
by Counsel: _____

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Dated: _____, 2019

By: _____

Mayor

Dated: _____, 2019

Attest: _____

City Clerk

Dated: _____, 2019

Countersigned: _____

City Auditor