

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

August 12, 2025

**Committee
Report No. _____**

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on July 22, 2025, makes reference to Resolution 25-141, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF JMC CLAIM 4086753, COUNTY OF MAUI, RISK FILE 2023-1128 OF JEFFREY NAVARES."

Resolution 25-141's purpose is to authorize settlement of the claim filed on November 13, 2023, in the amount of \$62,986.66. The claim alleges that on October 27, 2023, a misdirected high pressure water sprinkler, maintained by the County near the Central Maui Regional Sports Complex, damaged the interior and exterior of the Claimant's residence located at 139 Meheu Circle, Kahului, Maui, Hawai'i.

By correspondence dated June 26, 2025, the Department of the Corporation Counsel requested consideration of Resolution 25-141, with a copy of the claim.

Your Committee notes Subsection 3.16.020(B), Maui County Code, requires Council authorization for any settlement of claims or civil litigation in excess of \$25,000.

A Deputy Corporation Counsel provided an overview of the claim.

The Deputy said the Claimant initially submitted a claim for \$40,000 in damages; however, three estimates for repairs were received between \$62,986.66 and \$81,906.35. The proposed settlement amount is in line with the lowest estimate.

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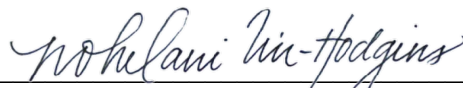
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Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-141. Committee Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Johnson, Kama, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted “aye.”

Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 25-141, CD1, entitled “AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF JMC CLAIM 4086753, COUNTY OF MAUI RISK FILE 2023-1128 OF JEFFREY NAVARES,” approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution 25-141, CD1, attached, entitled “AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF JMC CLAIM 4086753, COUNTY OF MAUI RISK FILE 2023-1128 OF JEFFREY NAVARES,” be ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of the Council.



NOHELANI U‘U-HODGINS, Chair

Resolution

No. 25-141, CD1

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF JMC CLAIM
4086753, COUNTY OF MAUI RISK FILE 2023-
1128 OF JEFFREY NAVARES

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023, Claimant Jeffrey Navares filed JMC Claim 4086753, County of Maui Risk File 2023-1128, for property damage to his home located at 139 Meheu Circle, Kahului, Hawai'i, from an alleged misdirected County water sprinkler occurring on or about October 27, 2023, for which three repair estimates came in between \$62,986.66 and \$81,906.35; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui, to avoid incurring expenses and the uncertainty of a judicial determination of the parties' respective rights and liabilities, will attempt to reach a resolution by way of a negotiated settlement or Offer of Judgment; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the facts and circumstances regarding this case and being advised of attempts to reach a resolution by way of a negotiated settlement by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, the Council wishes to authorize the settlement; now, therefore,

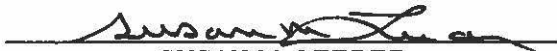
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That under Section 3.16.020, Maui County Code, it approves settlement of JMC Claim 4086753, County of Maui Risk File 2023-1128 by Claimant Jeffrey Navares in the amount of \$62,986.66;
2. That it authorizes the Mayor to execute a Release and Settlement Agreement on behalf of the County, under terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Corporation Counsel consistent with the Council's settlement approval;
3. That it authorizes the Director of Finance to satisfy the settlement of this case, under terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Corporation Counsel, consistent with the Council's settlement approval; and

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4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Director of Finance, Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


SUSAN M. LEEDER
Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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INTRODUCED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris R. Lee", written over a horizontal line.

Upon the request of the Mayor.