



City of New Orleans

Law Department

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: THE HON. JEAN PAUL “JP” MORRELL, COUNCILMEMBER-AT-LARGE
THE HON. MATTHEW WILLIARD, COUNCILMEMBER-AT-LARGE
THE HON. AIMEE MCCARRON, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT A
THE HON. LESLI D. HARRIS, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT B
THE HON. FREDDIE KING III, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT C
THE HON. EUGENE J. GREEN, JR., COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT D
THE HON. JASON HUGHES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT E

CC: ASHLEY BECNEL, EXECUTIVE COUNSEL FOR THE NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL
AISHA COLLIER, CLERK OF COUNCIL, NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CHARLINE K. GIPSON, CITY ATTORNEY

DATE: AUGUST 3, 2026

RE: REPORT OF LEGAL JUDGMENTS PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SEC. 2-379

In accordance with Section 2-379 of City Code, the City Attorney provides this report on the status of final judgments and final orders rendered against the City or against any person or political subdivision for whom the City is legally responsible.

UNPAID JUDGMENT LIST

There are 445 judgments on the City’s Unpaid Judgment List that remain outstanding. The total principal value of the outstanding judgments is \$87,350,839.14. A copy of the Unpaid Judgment List accompanies this memorandum, which sequences the judgments in the order of repayment priority.¹ Note that as of August 2024, by ordinance, the City must offer full face-value of the judgment (excluding interest and any previous payments applied to principal).²

¹ The interest calculations are as of June 2026.

² [Ord Cal. No. 30030](#)

Previously, the City had discretion to offer lesser amounts than the principal owed as a point of negotiation, however, that is no longer the case.

The Judgment Fund appropriation is to be used exclusively for this purpose and any remaining funds each calendar year should, in theory, roll over to the revolving Judgment Fund balance in the subsequent year. Note, however, that there was no carryover of residual money from 2025 to 2026. The current year's Judgment Fund balance is equal to the \$2,000,000 appropriation.

MONEY JUDGMENTS SATISFIED SINCE JULY 31, 2025

a. State Court Judgments

One state court judgment has been satisfied since July 31, 2025.

Case Name	Amount	Payment Date
5640 St. Claude, LLC vs. City of New Orleans	\$102,591.44	May 29, 2026

This judgment concerned a wrongful demolition of real property that required immediate payment, and the payment was **not** satisfied with funds from the Judgment Fund appropriation for 2026. However, in the coming months, the Law Department will be working to expend the annual \$2,000,000 Judgment Fund appropriation.

b. Federal Court Judgments

The following table lists federal judgments/settlements that have been satisfied since July 31, 2025. These payments relate to federal claims that were **not** eligible to be satisfied with funds from the Judgment Fund appropriation for 2026.

Case Name	Amount	Payment Date
Rufus Johnson, et al. vs. City of New Orleans	\$50,000.00	January 30, 2026
Raymond Flanks vs. City of New Orleans	\$1,250,000.00	February 11, 2026
Gabrielle Hainey vs City of New Orleans, et al	\$300,000.00	March 27, 2026
Rufus Johnson, et al. vs. City of New Orleans	\$50,000.00	March 27, 2026

Memorandum to City Council – Reporting of Legal Judgments

August 3, 2026

Page -3-

John (JD) Floyd vs. City of New Orleans, et al	\$1,000,000.00	April 24, 2026
Tina Marquart vs. City of New Orleans	\$29,283.46	July 13, 2026