



REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 12/02/2024
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

Department: Administration

Agenda Item: Statutory Limit Waiver - Denial

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

Cities obtaining liability coverage from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust must decide whether to waive the statutory tort liability limits. The waiver form is attached for the Council's review and further explanation.

Steve LaBarre from First National Bank Insurance Services, the City's insurance agent of record, recommends that the City not waive the statutory tort limits. In the past, the Council has continually opted not to waive the tort liability limits.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

Council motion to not waive the statutory tort limits.



LIABILITY COVERAGE WAIVER FORM

Members who obtain liability coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) must complete and return this form to LMCIT before their effective date of coverage. Email completed form to your city’s underwriter, to pstech@lmc.org, or fax to 651.281.1298.

Members who obtain liability coverage from LMCIT must decide whether to waive the statutory tort liability limits to the extent of the coverage purchased. The decision to waive or not waive the statutory tort limits must be made annually by the member’s governing body, in consultation with its attorney if necessary. The decision has the following effects:

- If the member does not waive the statutory tort limits, an individual claimant could recover no more than \$500,000 on any claim to which the statutory tort limits apply. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would be limited to \$1,500,000. These statutory tort limits would apply regardless of whether the member purchases the optional LMCIT excess liability coverage.
• If the member waives the statutory tort limits and does not purchase excess liability coverage, a single claimant could recover up to \$2,000,000 for a single occurrence (under the waive option, the tort cap liability limits are only waived to the extent of the member’s liability coverage limits, and the LMCIT per occurrence limit is \$2,000,000). The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to \$2,000,000, regardless of the number of claimants.
• If the member waives the statutory tort limits and purchases excess liability coverage, a single claimant could potentially recover an amount up to the limit of the coverage purchased. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to the amount of coverage purchased, regardless of the number of claimants.

Claims to which the statutory municipal tort limits do not apply are not affected by this decision.

LMCIT Member Name: _____

Check one:

[] The member DOES NOT WAIVE the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. § 466.04.

[] The member WAIVES the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. § 466.04, to the extent of the limits of the liability coverage obtained from LMCIT.

Date of member’s governing body meeting: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____