



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	MARCH 23, 2026

ITEM:	Annual Declaration that the City of Columbia Heights Does NOT Waive the Monetary Limits on the Municipal Tort Liability under Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04.		
<i>Presenting Item: Jesse Hauf, IT Director</i>			
DEPARTMENT: Finance		BY/DATE: Joseph Kloiber / March 10, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
X Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		X Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
X High Quality Public Spaces		X Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
X Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		X Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

The City purchases its liability insurance from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT). The LMCIT requires that member cities document annually whether they waive the tort liability limits established for municipalities by Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04.

With certain exceptions, the City’s general liability insurance provides up to \$2 million per claim and up to \$3 million in aggregate claims per year. In addition, the City carries coverage termed “excess liability” or “umbrella” coverage for up to an additional \$1 million. Minnesota Statutes Section 466.04 however, limits a city’s liability for certain types of claims to less than this policy coverage. If the City does not waive these lower limits provided by statute, LMCIT will only pay out the (lower) statutory limit for any applicable claims.

Consequently, the LMCIT prices its liability premiums lower for Cities that do not waive the statutory limits. The City’s insurance agent is aware of no MN cities that chose to waive these statutory limits. Staff estimates that the annual savings in premium costs for the City of Columbia Heights are roughly \$18,000 by not waiving the statutory limits.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

Staff is currently preparing the LMCIT insurance renewal application for the policy period June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):
MOTION: Move to declare that the City of Columbia Heights does not waive the monetary limits on the Municipal Tort Liability under Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04.

ATTACHMENT(S)

LMCIT Tort Limits Declaration Form