



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-118

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: August 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Initial Settlement Payment

The City of Fort Lauderdale has received the first payment from a settlement with 3M Company related to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The net amount received from the \$5.8 million disbursement was \$5.4 million after deducting attorney fees and litigation expenses. This payment represents 20% of the total settlement of \$28.9 million.

According to the payment schedule provided by the Ferraro Law Firm, the next disbursement is expected by September 30, 2025. The disbursement, estimated at \$13.2 million (less attorney fees and litigation expenses), represents 45.6% of the settlement. Following this second payment, annual installments will be received through 2033. In total, the City expects to net about \$26.9 million from 3M.

This settlement is one of four from a class-action lawsuit against PFAS manufacturers, including 3M, DuPont, Tyco, and BASF. The City anticipates receiving approximately \$32.2 million in total from these settlements, after legal fees. Additional details were shared with the City Commission in a memorandum from the City Attorney's Office in May 2025 (Attachment 1).

Staff will present a comprehensive proposal to the City Commission outlining the recommended uses of the initial PFAS settlement funds in October 2025, following the receipt of the second payment. Recommendations will center on strategically utilizing these one-time funds to advance key capital improvement projects that will have lasting benefits for the community.

For additional information or questions, please contact Laura Reece, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, at 954-828-5894 or lreece@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachment:

1. Memorandum No. 25-073 - PFAS Class Action Update to Mayor and Commissioners


c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
David R. Soloman, City Clerk
City Manager's Office
Department Directors



Memorandum No: 25-073

City Attorney's Office

To: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

Thru: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney 

From: Robert M. Oldershaw, Assistant City Attorney III

Date: May 30, 2025

Re: **Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances ("PFAS") Class Action Update**

This is an update on the pending case we filed to recover funds in connection with the harm incurred by the City as a result of the unlawful, wrongful, deceptive, and fraudulent practices of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances ("PFAS") manufacturers. The Ferraro Law Firm has been representing the City in this Multi-District Litigation ("MDL") pending in the United States District Court – South Carolina – Charleston Division.

In March of 2023, the City was approached by various law firms to represent it in the pending MDL litigation. Various law firms were interviewed and the Ferraro Law firm was selected to represent the City. The Ferraro Law Firm, also on the steering committee for this litigation, was appointed via Resolution 23-154 in August 2023. The City's Complaint was in November of 2023.

The City currently has 4 PFAS drinking water settlement claims pending: 3M, DuPont, Tyco and BASF. Outside counsel has submitted all 4 claims, all of which are currently under review by the settlement administrator. The estimated settlement amount for the Tyco and BASF combined is approximately the same as the estimated DuPont settlement amount. According to the latest report from the settlement administrator, payments for 3M (estimated at \$19,078,135.75) and DuPont (estimated at \$1,808,088.50) are expected to begin in the next 30-60 days. Payments for the Tyco and BASF settlements are expected sometime in the fourth quarter of this year.

The 3M and DuPont settlements are finalized and funds will be distributed. There is an extended payment schedule for the 3M settlement, which runs through 2033. See below. However, 65.6% of the City's 3M recovery will be paid out this year. The settlements with DuPont, Tyco, and BASF are structured as single-lump sum payments, all of which are expected to be paid this year.

For the DuPont Settlement, payments are expected in a single installment during Q2 or Q3 of this year. For the Tyco and BASF settlements, payments are expected in a single installment during Q4 of this year.

Payment Timeline

Anticipated 3M Settlement Payment Schedule					
A	B	C	D	E	F
Description	Timeline	Anticipated \$ per ABS Point Payment Amount	Payment % of Net Settlement Award	Cumulative (Rolling) \$ per ABS Point Paid	Cumulative (Rolling) % of Net Settlement Award Paid
3M - Payment 1	Q2 2025	\$0.0200	20.0%	\$0.0200	20.0%
3M - Payment 2	Q2 - Q3 2025	\$0.0456	45.6%	\$0.0656	65.6%
3M - Payment 3	Q2 2026	\$0.0064	6.4%	\$0.0720	72.0%
3M - Payment 4	Q2 2027	\$0.0048	4.8%	\$0.0768	76.8%
3M - Payment 5	Q2 2028	\$0.0056	5.6%	\$0.0824	82.4%
3M - Payment 6	Q2 2029	\$0.0050	5.0%	\$0.0874	87.4%
3M - Payment 7	Q2 2030	\$0.0034	3.4%	\$0.0908	90.8%
3M - Payment 8	Q2 2031	\$0.0034	3.4%	\$0.0942	94.2%
3M - Payment 9	Q2 2032	\$0.0030	3.0%	\$0.0972	97.2%
3M - Payment 10	Q2 2033	\$0.0028	2.8%	\$0.1000	100.0%
Totals		\$0.1000	100%	\$0.1000	100.0%

There are no restrictions on the use of the funds (unlike the opioid settlements).

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