

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING OF THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST TEVA, ALLERGAN, WALMART, WALGREENS, CVS, AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including the City of Harrisonburg, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Harrisonburg's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including Harrisonburg, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS to pay billions of dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them; and

WHEREAS, the City has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that these pending settlements with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens shall be considered "Settlements" that are subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, and opioid manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's Office has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and has recommended that the City participate in the settlements in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Harrisonburg City Council, this 28 day of February, 2023, approves of the City's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and their related corporate entities, and directs the City Attorney and/or the City Manager to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.

Approved: ~~December 13, 2022~~ FEB 28, 2023


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK