

RESOLUTION NO. 13615-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, 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 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 cities and counties, including the City of Newport News, by adversely impacting, amongst other things, the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services provided by the various departments and agencies of the City of Newport News; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its cities and counties, including the City of Newport News, 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 the City of Newport News; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Newport News 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 will 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 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 by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby 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.

2. That it hereby authorizes and directs the City Attorney to execute such documents as are necessary to effectuate the City's participation in the settlements, including any required release of claims against the settling entities.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

Phillip D. Jones
Mayor

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City Clerk