

RESOLUTION NO. R-37-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AVON TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT WITH JANSSEN/JOHNSON&JOHNSON PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Avon, Ohio (herein “Municipality”) is a city formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and the City of Avon has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, Avon City Council understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and exploration of the potential effects of an early resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Janssen/Johnson&Johnson to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Avon City Council has reviewed the material terms of the proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement with the Settling Distributors (the “Proposed Settlement”) and finds adoption of same to be in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Avon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, COUNTY OF LORAIN AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1 – That Avon City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to accept the Proposed Settlement on behalf of the residents of the City of Avon by executing, among other things, the attached and incorporated OneOhio Subdivision Participation Form ([Exhibit A](#)), pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU.

Section 2 – That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3 – That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Proposed Settlement with Janssen/Johnson&Johnson on behalf of the residents of the City of Avon, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by this Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

BY: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of Council

POSTED: _____
In five places as
provided by Council

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