

RESOLUTION NO. 03-06-01-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ASHLAND TO JOIN THE STATE OF ALABAMA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS PARTICIPANTS IN CURRENT AND FUTURE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to impact communities in the United States, the State of Alabama, and the City of Ashland, Alabama.

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland has suffered harm and will continue to suffer harm as a result of the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama and some Alabama local governments have filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers (“Opioid Litigation”);

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has entered into various Settlement Agreements and are likely to enter into additional agreements in the future which include the claims for the State of Alabama’s local governments;

WHEREAS the City of Ashland finds the terms of the current Settlement Agreements acceptable and in the best interest of the community and anticipates the terms of the future Settlement Agreements to be similarly acceptable;

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has prepared and presented Settlement Sign-On Agreements to the local governments and the City of Ashland finds the terms of the Sign-On Agreement acceptable and in the best interest of the community;

WHEREAS, the current and future Settlement Agreements and Sign-On Agreements will detail the allocation of Settlement Funds, which the City of Ashland finds acceptable and in the best interest of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, ALABAMA,

Section 1. That the City of Ashland finds that participation in the various Opioid Settlements, Settlement Agreement and Sign-On Agreement is in the best interest of the City of Ashland and its citizens because such a

plan would ensure an effective structure for the commitment of Settlement Funds to abate and seek to resolve the opioid epidemic.

Section 2. That the City of Ashland hereby expresses its support for the Settlement of various Opioid claims and allocation and use of Settlement Funds as generally described in the Settlement Agreement and Sign-On Agreement.

Section 3. That the City of Ashland’s Clerk (“City Clerk”) is hereby expressly authorized to execute the Settlement Sign-On Agreements and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements necessary to implement the Settlements and plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds.

Section 4. That the City Clerk is hereby expressly authorized to execute any formal agreement and related documents evidencing the City of Ashland’s agreement to the settlement of claims and litigation related to the Opioid Epidemic.

Section 5. That the City Clerk is authorized to take such other action as necessary and appropriate to effectuate the City of Ashland’s participation in any Settlement related to the Opioid Epidemic.

Section 6. This Resolution is effective upon adoption, the welfare of the City of Ashland, Alabama requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of March, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____