

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	March 20, 2023
Action Required:	Approval of Resolution
Presenter:	Ashley Marshall, Deputy City Manager
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Title:	Settlement for Opioid Related Claims (2nd reading)

Background

A formal communication from the National Opioids Settlements Implementation Administrator went out to all Virginia cities and counties in February 2023 concerning the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and their related corporate entities. All litigating localities are required to have their governing bodies approve a resolution pertaining to this additional settlement.

Discussion

The City of Charlottesville approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding and affirmed that any pending settlement would be subject to that Virginia MOU. Settlements for the "Distributors" (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmeriSource Bergen) as well as for Johnson & Johnson/Jansen were finalized on October 18, 2022. In late 2022, agreements were announced with three pharmacy chains—CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart—and two additional manufacturers—Allergan and Teva. In January 2023, each of those pharmacy chains and manufacturers confirmed that a sufficient number of states had agreed to the settlements to move forward. As with the 2021 National Settlements, states and local governments that want to participate in the 2022 National Settlements now will have the opportunity to "opt-in." Through this resolution, the City of Charlottesville is exercising its right to legally opt into the settlement by Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

N/A

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

None.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the council approves the required resolution to opt into the Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS opioid settlement.

Alternatives

The City Council can refuse to opt-in and thereby forfeit any payments to the locality.

Attachments

1. Opioid Settlement Participation Agreement TEVA etc.
2. Dec06 2021-Cert. Resolution approving Virginia Opioid MOU
3. DRAFT RESOLUTION (Feb 2023) for non-litigating cities and counties - Approval of Settlements with Teva Allergan Walmart CVS and Walgreens (002)