

RESOLUTION NO. 24-1951

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DISTRIBUTORS WASHINGTON SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM RELATED TO THE NATIONWIDE OPIOID LITIGATION

WHEREAS, multiple states, counties, and cities throughout the nation have brought lawsuits over the last few years against various entities within the pharmaceutical supply chain that manufacture, distribute, and dispense prescription opioids (the “Opioid Distributors”); and

WHEREAS, Washington cities and counties with populations over 10,000 can join this settlement, and if a sufficient number join, they will receive funds that must be spent on efforts to combat the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, a local government can either spend the money itself or elect to pool its money with other local governments on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds can only be used for approved purposes, such as treatment for opioid use disorder (“OUD”), support for people in treatment and recovery, providing connections to care for people who have—or are at risk of developing—OUD, addressing the needs of persons with OUD in the criminal justice system, training, and research; and

WHEREAS, in order for the settlement to be finalized, Washington local governments that filed suit against these opioid distributors need to sign the Participation Form releasing their claims and then dismiss them with prejudice, and ninety percent (90%) of Washington local governments with a population of over 10,000 that did not file a lawsuit against the Opioid Distributors (such as the City of Lake Forest Park) need to sign the Participation Form releasing their potential claims; and

WHEREAS, all eligible cities and counties with populations over 10,000 joined by signing the first Participation Form, but if not enough join this settlement, the settlement is void and neither the State nor Washington cities or counties will get any settlement money; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to execute the Participation Form to ensure the settlement receives sufficient participation by local governments and to help combat the opioid epidemic in this State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. AUTHORIZATION. The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park authorizes the Mayor to sign the Settlement Participation Form, included herewith as Attachment 1.

Section 2. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this __ day of April, 2024.

APPROVED:

Thomas French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matt McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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