



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 23, 2025

REQUESTER: Rickey J. Knighton II

PRESENTER: Rickey J. Knighton II, City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH PURDUE PHARMA L.P. (AND CERTAIN AFFILIATES) AND THE SACKLER FAMILY, INCLUDING AGREEING TO THE TERMS OF THE GLOBAL SETTLEMENTS, THE RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THESE ENTITIES, AND THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF MONIES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE SETTLEMENTS TO COMBAT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PARTICIPATION FORMS FOR EACH SETTLEMENT ON THE CITY OF NORMAN'S BEHALF.

BACKGROUND:

The Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General has advised the City of Norman of a new national opioid settlement involving Purdue Pharma L.P. (and certain affiliates) and the Sackler family. See Attached Letter from Attorney General Gentner Drummond. The settlement is approximately \$4,553,791,480.53 for all states with Oklahoma's portion estimated to be \$28,015,883.91 over ten years. Although not involved in the litigation, the City of Norman is eligible to receive part of the settlement proceeds attributed to Oklahoma.

DISCUSSION:

In order to participate and receive funds from the Settlement Proceeds, the City needs to sign a participation form, which binds the City to the terms of the Settlement and releases the four entities mentioned above from any claims the City has against them related to the State's opioid litigation. If the City does not sign, it will not receive any monies from the settlement. Funds received by the City can be used for a variety of efforts to combat the opioid epidemic.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council elect to participate in the Settlement Agreements with Purdue Pharma L.P. (and certain affiliates) and the Sackler family, including agreeing to the terms of the global settlements, the release of all claims against these entities, and the permissible uses of monies received pursuant to the settlements to combat the opioid epidemic; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the participation forms for each settlement on the City of Norman's behalf.