

August 12th, 2025
Town Council
Regular Meeting
Res. No.

A RESOLUTION OF THE WARRENTON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING OF THE TOWN OF WARRENTON'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED PURDUE/SACKLER SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST DEFENDANTS PURDUE/SACKLER AND ITS RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE TOWN OF WARRENTON ATTORNEY AND/OR TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE TOWN OF WARRENTON'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, Warrenton, VA (Hereinafter "the Town") is a municipal corporation located within the County of Fauquier; and

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts on the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties, cities and towns, including the Town of Warrenton, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by the Town's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties, cities, and towns, including Warrenton, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and Warrenton; and

WHEREAS, settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause Purdue and Sackler to pay billions of dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and has recommended that the Town participate in the settlements, and

WHEREAS, previously the Town Council approved a resolution on March 14, 2023, to participate in previous negotiated opioid settlements against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens and CVS that paid billions of dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warrenton Town Council, this __ Day of ____, 2025, approves of the Town's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Purdue and Sackler, and their related corporate entities, and directs the Town Attorney and/or the Town Manager to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the Town's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum of Understanding

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Community Development Director,
Town Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder