

STAFF REPORT

Warrenton Town Council

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Council Meeting Date: August 12th, 2025.

Agenda Title: Opioid Settlement Resolution

Requested Action: Receive the information and consider a resolution on the matter.

Department / Agency Lead: Town Attorney

Staff Lead: Mr. Chap Petersen, Town Attorney

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr. Chap Petersen, Town Attorney, will brief the council on the proposed resolution. Additional Information on the settlements can be found here. https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/purdue-sacklers-settlements/

BACKGROUND

At the March 14th, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting. A resolution was passed directing staff and the Town Attorney to participate in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and their related corporate entities.

The opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts 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 Warrenton's various departments and agencies. 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. Settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS to pay billions of dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them. The Town Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and has recommended that the Town participate in the settlements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Consider the resolution.

Service Level/Collaborative Impact

The Town Attorney is the primary department for this item.

Policy direction has not been identified in this item.

Fiscal Impact

A fiscal impact study has not been conducted on this item.

Legal Impact

Legal impact analysis is provided by the Town Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS

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