



Legislation Text

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Approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of Minnesota and the City and authorizing participation in national opioid settlements.

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, Minnesota counties and cities, and their people, have been harmed by misconduct committed by certain entities that engage in the manufacture, marketing, promotion, distribution, or dispensing of opioids; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturer and pharmaceutical distribution companies and hold those companies accountable for their misconduct; and

WHEREAS, representatives of local Minnesota governments, the League of Minnesota Cities, the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, the State of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Attorney General's Office have negotiated and prepared a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide for the equitable distribution of proceeds to the State of Minnesota and to individual local governments from recent settlements in the national opioid litigation; and

WHEREAS, by signing onto the MOA, the state and local governments maximize Minnesota's share of opioid settlement funds, demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid epidemic, and ensure needed resources reach the most impacted communities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Minnesota and the residents of the City of Saint Paul, and the County of Ramsey, that the City participate in the national opioid litigation settlements.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota:

1. Participation in the opioid litigation settlements promotes the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Saint Paul.
2. The City of Saint Paul supports and opts-in to the national opioid litigation settlements with the Distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and Amerisource Bergen, and with the Manufacturer Johnson & Johnson.
3. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of Minnesota and Local Governments relating to the distribution of settlement funds is hereby approved by the City of Saint Paul.
4. City Staff is hereby authorized to take such measures as necessary to sign the MOA and otherwise participate in the national opioid settlements, including executing the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release.