

**RESOLUTION NO. 67-2021**

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR JAMES GRAVEN**

**A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, City Council authorizes and ratifies the Mayor to execute the Participation Agreement for the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement with Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (“Settling Distributors”) pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Olmsted Falls, Ohio (herein “Municipality”) is a municipality formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and Olmsted Falls has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Olmsted Falls City Council understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially effectuation earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants; and

**WHEREAS**, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by distributors Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (collectively the “Settling Distributors”) to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Olmsted Falls City Council wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement with the Settling Distributors (the “Proposed Settlement”). Now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That City Council hereby accepts and ratifies the acceptance of the Proposed Settlement on behalf of Olmsted Falls, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU.

**SECTION 2.** The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Olmsted Falls for the further reason to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio. It shall therefore take effect immediately upon passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members elected to Council and approval by the Mayor or otherwise at the earliest time allowed by law.

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*Paul Stibich, Council President*

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
*James Graven, Mayor*

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*Date*

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Andrew D. Bemer, Director of Law*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Angela Mancini, Clerk of Council*

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

	Yea	Nay
Stibich	_____	_____
Jones	_____	_____
Jansen	_____	_____
McFadden	_____	_____
Munteanu	_____	_____
Buchholz	_____	_____
Chitester	_____	_____