

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: June 17, 2024

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Angela I. Carmon, City Attorney
Scott Tesh, Budget, and Performance Management Director

Council Action Requested:

Adoption of the Resolution of the City of Winston-Salem Authorizing Execution of the Kroger Opioid Settlement Documents and Approving the Second Supplement Agreement for Additional Funds

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: N/A

Strategic Plan Action Item: N/A

Key Work Item: N/A



Summary of Information:

The City of Winston-Salem joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, pharmaceutical distribution companies, and chain drug stores to hold those companies accountable for their misconduct. A settlement has been reached in litigation against the Kroger Co. (“Kroger”) as well as its subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, and directors named in the Kroger Settlement. The City’s representatives and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Second Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds (SAAF-2) to provide for the equitable distribution of the proceeds of these settlements. By joining the settlements and approving the SAAF-2, the state and local governments maximize North Carolina’s share of opioid settlement funds to ensure the needed resources reach communities, as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible. The attached resolution, which is recommended for your approval, authorizes the appropriate city officials to sign onto the settlements and SAAF-2 to demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid overdose crisis and maximize the share of opioid settlement funds received by state and local governments to help abate the harm. It is estimated that the City will receive \$168,718 of the \$40 million to be distributed in North Carolina to state, city, and county governments.

Committee Action:

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