

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 2, 2021

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

From: Angela I. Carmon, City Attorney

Council Action Requested:

Resolution By The City of Winston-Salem Approving The Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The City of Winston-Salem, along with other cities and counties across the state and country, filed a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical distribution companies to hold those companies accountable for their misconduct. Over the past year, representatives of local North Carolina governments, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide for the equitable distribution of any proceeds from a settlement of national opioid litigation to the State of North Carolina and to individual local governments. Local Governments and the State of North Carolina anticipate a settlement in the national opioid litigation to be forthcoming and by signing onto the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the state and local governments maximize North Carolina's share of opioid settlement funds to ensure the needed resources reach communities, once a negotiation is finalized, as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible. Consequently, the attached resolution is recommended for your approval.

Committee Action:

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Remarks: