CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-606

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: August 12, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: August 13, 2025

Type of Action: Authorization of action and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes such necessary actions necessary, including authorization to execute documents in whatever form they may take as are necessary without further action by the City Council, to accept the Thirteenth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Purdue Pharma L.P. and its Affiliated Debtors dated March 19, 2025. The nature of the emergency is that counsel representing the City in the Opioid Litigation must submit a Master Ballot vote on behalf of the City to accept the Plan on or before September 5, 2025.

Background Information: Due to harm suffered by the City from the opioid epidemic, the City of Jacksonville was a litigating participant in re: National Opioid Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) and sued Purdue Pharma L.P. for damages. The city is a participant in the State of Florida's unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds (the Florida Plan). Purdue Pharma L.P. and its affiliated debtors filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after being sued in the Opioid Litigation, and the City holds an eligible claim in the bankruptcy. If the City accepts the Thirteenth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan, settlement funds will then be received from the Bankruptcy through the Florida Plan.

Policy Impact Area: Opioid settlement funds

Fiscal Impact: Millions in opioid settlement proceeds

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