

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2022-95-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
6 JACKSONVILLE TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA
7 AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A
8 PARTICIPANT IN THE STATE'S SETTLEMENT WITH ENDO
9 HEALTH SOLUTIONS, INC. AND ENDO PHARMACEUTICALS,
10 INC.; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON
11 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has suffered harm from the
14 opioid epidemic and further recognizes that the entire State of
15 Florida has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has filed an action pending in
17 Pasco County, Florida, and a number of Florida Cities and Counties
18 have also filed an action In re: National Opiate Litigation, MDL No.
19 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation") and the City of
20 Jacksonville is a litigating participant in that action; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has entered into a settlement
22 agreement with Defendants, Endo Health Solutions, Inc. and Endo
23 Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Endo Settlement"); and

24 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville is a participant in the State
25 of Florida's unified plan, known as the "Florida Plan," for the
26 allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid
27 related litigation, inclusive of the allocation and use of prospective
28 settlement dollars from the Endo Settlement; now therefore

29 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

30 **Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to
31 authorize the City of Jacksonville's participation in the Endo

1 Settlement as memorialized in the executed Settlement Agreement and
2 Release attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

3 **Section 2. Authorization to Execute and Implement.** The
4 Council hereby approves, and the Mayor, or his designee, and the
5 Corporation Secretary, are hereby authorized to execute, for and on
6 behalf of the City of Jacksonville, the Subdivision Settlement
7 Participation Form in substantially the form attached hereto as
8 **Exhibit 2**, and to take, or cause to be taken, for and on behalf of
9 the City, such further action as is necessary to effectuate the
10 purpose of this Ordinance.

11 **Section 3. Requesting Emergency Passage upon Introduction**
12 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
13 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
14 emergency is that the State of Florida has requested execution and
15 return of the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form on or before
16 February 15, 2022.

17 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Tiffiny Douglas Pinkstaff

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Tiffiny Douglas Pinkstaff

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