

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2022-865

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor and Co-Introduced by Council Member Salem

**Date of Introduction:** November 22, 2022

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F

**Date of Analysis:** November 18, 2022

**Type of Action:** Authorization for settlement agreement and emergency passage upon introduction

**Bill Summary:** This bill authorizes execution of the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form so the City of Jacksonville may participate in the Walmart Opioid Settlement as memorialized in the fully executed Settlement Agreement and Release by and among Walmart Inc., the State of Florida and its Office of the Attorney General, effective October 19, 2022. Emergency passage upon introduction is requested because the State of Florida has asked for all litigating subdivisions to approve the settlement immediately.

**Background Information:** A national public health epidemic arose as a result of the manufacture, distribution, and over-prescribing of opioid analgesics and resulted in opioid overdoses and addictions throughout Duval County and the entire State of Florida. The State of Florida has entered into a settlement agreement with Walmart Inc. due to the harm suffered from the opioid epidemic, and the City of Jacksonville is a participant in the State of Florida's unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation. Walmart agreed to pay the state of Florida \$215 million as part of an opioid litigation settlement, and will additionally supply and dispense 672,000 naloxone kits across the state. The settlement funds may be used for opioid remediation measures, including to address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or mitigate other alleged effects as a result of the opioid epidemic.

**Policy Impact Area:** Opioid litigation settlement – Walmart Inc.

**Fiscal Impact:** The State of Florida has entered into a \$215 million settlement agreement with Walmart Inc. which will be allocated to participating local governments using a formula based on the number of participating municipalities and the related populations.

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