

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-261**

5 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
6 DESIGNEE, THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, AND THE
7 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO TAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE
8 TAKEN, SUCH ACTIONS AND TO EXECUTE SUCH
9 DOCUMENTS AS ARE NECESSARY, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
10 THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, TO AFFIRMATIVELY "OPT
11 IN" AS AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A
12 NATIONAL SETTLEMENT THAT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH
13 ASSOCIATED PHARMACIES, INC., J M SMITH
14 CORPORATION, LOUISIANA WHOLESALE DRUG COMPANY,
15 INC., MORRIS AND DICKSON CO., NORTH CAROLINA
16 MUTUAL WHOLESALE DRUG COMPANY, INC., AND UNITED
17 NATURAL FOODS, INC.; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE
18 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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21 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has suffered harm from the
22 opioid epidemic and further recognizes that the entire State of
23 Florida has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville was a litigating participant
25 in the action styled In re: National Opioid Litigation, MDL No. 2804
26 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation") and sued Purdue Pharma L.P. for
27 damages stemming from the opioid epidemic; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville is a participant in the State
29 of Florida's unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid
30 settlement proceeds pursuant to which the City has received millions
31 of dollars in settlement funds; and

1 **WHEREAS**, a new national opioid settlement has been reached with
2 the following six regional distributors/dispensers: Associated
3 Pharmacies, Inc., J M Smith Corporation, Louisiana Wholesale Drug
4 Company, Inc., Morris and Dickson Co., North Carolina Mutual Wholesale
5 Drug Company, Inc., and United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Remnant
6 Defendants Settlement"); and

7 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has been identified as an
8 eligible entity to participate in the Remnant Defendants Settlement;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, all eligible entities, such as the City of
11 Jacksonville, must "opt in" to participate in the Remnant Defendants
12 Settlement; and

13 **WHEREAS**, if the City of Jacksonville opts to participate in the
14 Remnant Defendants Settlement, the City will receive settlement
15 funds; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Ordinance is to provide the
17 necessary authorizations for the City of Jacksonville to participate
18 in the Remnant Defendants Settlement; now therefore

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

20 **Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals.** The above recitals
21 are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

22 **Section 2. Authorization to Participate in the Remnant**
23 **Defendants Settlement and Execute Documents.** The City Council hereby
24 authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, the Office of General Counsel,
25 and the Corporation Secretary to take, or cause to be taken, for and
26 on behalf of the City, such actions as are necessary to "opt in" as
27 an eligible entity to participate in the Remnant Defendants
28 Settlement. This authorization shall include, but is not limited to,
29 authorization to execute documents, in whatever form they may take,
30 as are necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance without
31 further action by the City Council.

1 **Section 3. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
2 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
3 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that counsel
4 representing the City in the Opioid Litigation must submit the
5 paperwork indicating the City has chosen to participate in the Remnant
6 Defendants Settlement by May 4, 2026.

7 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
9 without the Mayor's signature.

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11 Form Approved:

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13 /s/ Tiffiny Pinkstaff

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Tiffiny Pinkstaff

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