

Introduced by Council Member Salem:

ORDINANCE 2025-686-E

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE STATE'S SETTLEMENT WITH ALVOGEN, INC., APOTEX CORP., AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS LLC, HIKMA PHARMACEUTICALS USA INC., INDIVIOR INC., VIATRIS INC., SUN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, INC., AND ZYDUS PHARMACEUTICALS (USA) INC.; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, THE SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS TO EXERCISE THE CITY'S OPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE EIGHT SETTLEMENTS; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has entered into settlement agreements with Alvogen, Inc., Apotex Corp., Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC, Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Viatris Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc. (the "Secondary Manufacturers' Settlements"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville is a participant in the State of Florida's unified plan, known as the "Florida Plan", for the

1 allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid
2 related litigation, inclusive of the allocation and use of prospective
3 settlement dollars from the Secondary Manufacturers' Settlements; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in order to receive settlement proceeds derived from
5 the Secondary Manufacturers' Settlements, the City of Jacksonville
6 is required to execute the Secondary Manufacturers' Combined
7 Subdivision Participation and Release Form (the "Combined
8 Participation Form"); now therefore

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

10 **Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to
11 authorize the City of Jacksonville's participation in the Secondary
12 Manufacturers' Settlements.

13 **Section 2. Authorization to Execute and Implement.** The
14 City Council hereby approves, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the
15 Corporation Secretary, are hereby authorized to execute and deliver,
16 for and on behalf of the City of Jacksonville, the Combined
17 Participation Form in substantially the form attached hereto as
18 **Exhibit 1**, and to take, or cause to be taken, for and on behalf of
19 the City, such further action as is necessary to effectuate the
20 purpose of this Ordinance.

21 **Section 3. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
22 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
23 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the
24 State of Florida has requested execution and return of the Combined
25 Participation Form on or before October 8, 2025.

26 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Tiffiny Douglas Pinkstaff

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