

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-261

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: April 13, 2026

Type of Action: Authorize the Mayor, or her designee, the Office of General Counsel, and the Corporation Secretary to participate in a national opioid settlement on behalf of the City; Requesting one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, the Office of General Counsel, and the Corporation Secretary to take such actions and execute such documents as are necessary, on behalf of the City, to opt in as an eligible entity to participate in the Remnant Defendants Settlement, a national opioid settlement reached with Associated Pharmacies, Inc., J M Smith Corporation, Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., Morris and Dickson Co., North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., and United Natural Foods, Inc. The bill requests one-cycle emergency passage pursuant to Council Rule 4.901, as the City must submit paperwork indicating its participation by May 4, 2026.

Background Information: The City was a litigating participant in *In re: National Opioid Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio)*, and sued Purdue Pharma L.P. for damages stemming from the opioid epidemic. Additionally, the City is a participant in the State of Florida's unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds, pursuant to which the City has received millions of dollars in settlement funds.

A new national opioid settlement has been reached with six regional distributors/dispensers: Associated Pharmacies, Inc., J M Smith Corporation, Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., Morris and Dickson Co., North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., and United Natural Foods, Inc. The City has been identified as an eligible entity to participate in the Remnant Defendants Settlement and must opt in to participate and receive settlement funds.

Policy Impact Area: Opioid Settlement

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact. If the City opts in, it will receive settlement funds.

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