

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2022-399

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Salem

**Date of Introduction:** May 24, 2022

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

**Date of Analysis:** May 25, 2022

**Type of Action:** Authorization to participate in settlement and emergency passage upon introduction

**Bill Summary:** This bill authorizes the City of Jacksonville's participation in the Walgreens Settlement as memorialized in the executed Settlement Agreement and Release. Emergency passage upon introduction is requested because the State of Florida has requested the immediate execution and return of the Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms on or before June 3, 2022.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to permit the City to participate in the Walgreen's opioid lawsuit settlement. The State of Florida and the City of Jacksonville have suffered harm from the ongoing opioid epidemic. In 2022 so far, JFRD has responded to 978 opioid related overdoses. The State of Florida has filed an action pending in Pasco County, Florida, and a number of Florida Cities and Counties have also filed an action In re: National Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) and the City of Jacksonville is a litigating participant in that action. The State of Florida has entered into a settlement agreement with Defendant, Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. and Walgreen Co. The City of Jacksonville is a participant in the State of Florida's unified plan, known as the "Florida Plan," for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation.

**Policy Impact Area:** Opioid epidemic – Litigation settlement

**Fiscal Impact:** The City will receive \$17 million from the Walgreens settlement over 18 years, to be used for future treatment, prevention and mitigation strategies.

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