

ORDINANCE 34-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND EXECUTE THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT WITH JANSSEN/JOHNSON&JOHNSON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Port Clinton, Ohio is a municipal entity formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and the City of Port Clinton has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, Council understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially effectuation earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Janssen/Johnson&Johnson to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Settlement Agreement with the Proposed Settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, COUNTY OF OTTAWA, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Director of Safety and Service is hereby authorized to accept the Proposed Settlement on behalf of the City of Port Clinton, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU.

Section 2. The Director of Safety and Service is hereby authorized to execute the OneOhio Subdivision Participation Form on behalf of the City of Port Clinton.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the City of Port Clinton and for further reason that the OneOhio Subdivision Participation Form must be executed by December 8, 2021 filing deadline. Wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____, 2021

President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Approved _____ 2021

Mayor