

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-7

Approving the City's participation in the proposed settlements of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and their related corporate entities, and directing the City Manager to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City's participation in the settlements.

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its cities and counties, including Colonial Heights, by adversely impacting, among other things, the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Colonial Heights' various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its cities and counties, including Colonial Heights, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, and staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS to pay billions of dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them; and

WHEREAS, the City has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that these pending settlements with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens shall be considered "Settlements" that are subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, and opioid manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney and City Manager have reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and have recommended that the City participate in the

settlements in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS:

1. City Council approves the City’s participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS, and their related corporate entities, and directs the City Manager to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City’s participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.

2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its approval.

Approved:

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

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I certify that the above resolution was:

Adopted on \_\_\_\_\_.

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_. Nays: \_\_\_\_\_. Absent: \_\_\_\_\_. Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_.

The Honorable Kenneth B. Frenier, Councilmember: \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable Elizabeth G. Luck, Councilmember: \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable Dr. Laura F. Poe, Councilmember: \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable John E. Piotrowski, Councilmember: \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable John T. Wood, Councilman: \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable Robert W. Wade, Vice-Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney