Resolution 34-25

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Orrville, Ohio to participate in proposed Opioid Litigation Settlement(s) negotiated with the Ohio Attorney General involving various pharmaceutical manufacturers and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, The City of Orrville, Ohio is among a number of municipalities in Ohio that may be eligible to participate in the settlement of claims brought against pharmacies and manufacturers of prescription opioids whose products are alleged to have contributed to the national opioid crisis, mass addition and overdose deaths, which in turn have had a financial impact on many communities, including in terms of the costs of first-responder services; and

WHEREAS, Settlement proposals are being presented to Ohio municipalities by the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Ohio, proposing to have various pharmacy distributors ("Settling Defendant") resolve claims made by governmental entities in the State of Ohio over the next several; and

WHEREAS, The total national settlement of approximately $1 billion is tiered over a number of years and states' and cities' shares will vary, based upon the number of municipalities that opt in to the settlement proposal ("the Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Local government settlement participation can increase the amount of funds received by the State of Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Orrville, Ohio that:

Section 1: The Mayor and Orrville Directors and staff are hereby authorized to take all steps to participate in settlement(s) and enter into Agreement(s) for same.

Section 2: All formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and 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 3: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety, and welfare of City of Orrville, and for the further reason settlement participation deadlines are approaching, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 2 day of September 2025.

President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council

Approved:

Mayor

09-02-2025

Date

I, Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council of the City of Orrville do hereby certify this legislation _____ adopted on _____ was duly posted on _____ within 10 days as required by the Charter of said City.