

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
RESOLUTION – 2019-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COTTAGE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE
HIRING OF COUNSEL**

Introduced by: Commissioner Young

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 57 of the Town Charter, the Town has the power to employ such legal consultants as it deems necessary from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised of the opioid crisis facing communities in Maryland like Cottage City; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has been in contact with Jeff Reeves, Esq. of the law firm of Theodora Oringher along with its associated firms who specialize in cases against pharmaceutical companies that manufacture the opioids that have found their way into communities like Cottage City; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney Reeves, his firm and its associates have agreed to represent the Town of Cottage City in State court pursuant to the Retainer Agreement annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Reeves and the referenced firms have agreed to represent the Town at no cost unless there is a recovery won.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cottage City Commission, to hire the firms of Shaprio Sher Guinot & Sandler, P.A., pursuant to the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct, and Theodora Oringher P.C., and Andrews and Thornton, pursuant to the California Rules of Professional Conduct, on a contingent fee basis, to pursue all civil remedies against the manufacturers of prescription opiates and those in the chain of distribution of prescription opiates responsible for the opioid epidemic that is plaguing Cottage City, and other communities including but not limited to filing a claim for public nuisance to abate, enjoin, recover and prevent the damages caused thereby.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be kept chronologically and for public viewing in a binder located in the Office Manager's office with all other resolutions passed by the Commission.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Cottage City Commission at a Meeting on September 11, 2019.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner-Chairman shall be authorized to sign this Resolution on behalf of the Commission.

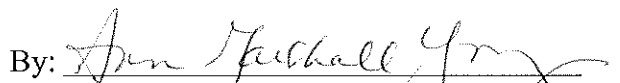
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED this 11th day of September 2019.

ATTEST:


Consuella Barbour, Town Manager

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND

By: 
Ann Marshall Young, Commissioner-Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, as the duly appointed Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on the 11th day of September, 2019 with 5 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes, the aforesaid Resolution 2019-09 passed.


Consuella Barbour, Town Manager

[Attachment – (ENGAGEMENT TO REPRESENT dated July 25, 2019)]