

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
RESOLUTION – 2022-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE COTTAGE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE
COMMISSION-CHAIR TO EXECUTE A NATIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH
JANSSEN AND THE DISTRIBUTORS IN THE PENDING OPIOID LITIGATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2019-10, the cottage City Commission along with several other Maryland municipalities previously retained on contingency the law firms of Shapiro Sher Guinot & Sandler, P.A., and Theodora Oringher P.C., and Andrews & Thornton, in civil suit against those legally responsible for the wrongful manufacture and distribution of prescription opiates and damages caused; and

WHEREAS, national litigation regarding the impact of the distribution and use of Opioids has resulted in proposed settlement agreements with Janssen and the Distributors (Johnson & Johnson, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson (“National Settlements”), and special counsel recommends that the Town accept the offer to settle with Upper Marlboro, slated to receive an amount of \$22,231.32, and participate with other Maryland jurisdictions in the State Subdivision Agreement negotiated by the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Attorney General has proposed a State-Subdivision Agreement to implement the distribution of funds to local governments in Maryland received through the National Settlements; and

WHEREAS, under the National Settlements and State-Subdivision Agreement, attached hereto as an exhibit, the Town will receive funds and be eligible for grants to combat Opioid use within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that entry into the National Settlements and State-Subdivision Agreement is in the best interests of the Town and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cottage City Commission authorizes the Commission-Chair be and is hereby authorized to finalize and execute the National Settlements and State-Subdivision Agreement.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Acting Town Manager shall prepare and transmit the State Participation Form for transmittal to special counsel and/or the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect on the day it is adopted.

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND

By: Wanda Wheatley
Wanda Wheatley, Commission-Chair

CERTIFICATION

I, HERBY CERTIFY, as the duly appointed Acting Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on 24th day January 2022 with 5 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes, the aforesaid Resolution 2022-02 Passed.



Anthony L. Ayers, Sr.
Acting Town Manager