

**RESOLUTION NO. 44 , 2021**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT AND ENTER INTO THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH OPIOID MANUFACTURERS JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ORTHO-McNEIL-JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. AND JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, opioid manufacturers, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (“the Manufacturers”), have proposed a joint settlement (“the Settlement”) to the State of Ohio and its political subdivisions pertaining to the Manufacturers’ shared liability for the distribution of opioids that was a significant cause of the national opioid crisis that lead to mass addiction and overdose deaths that affected both the State of Ohio and the City of Montgomery; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Settlement, the Manufacturers will pay up to an estimated \$180,000,000 to the State of Ohio and its political subdivisions over several years, with most of the money received being restricted in use and earmarked for abatement of the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Attorney General has recommended the political subdivisions of the State of Ohio accept the Settlement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Director and the City Manager recommend that Council vote to accept the Settlement and enter into the Participation Agreement (“the Agreement”) with the Manufacturers as described and incorporated by reference herein.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** Council hereby accepts the recommendation of the City Manager and the Law Director and authorizes approval of the Settlement and execution of a proposed Participation Agreement and Release on behalf of the City on or before the Settlement deadline currently set for January 2, 2022.

**SECTION 2.** The Montgomery Council hereby directs the City Manager to enter into the Participation Agreement on behalf of the City on or before any Settlement deadline.

**SECTION 3.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to resolve these matters in accordance with the terms of the Settlement and Agreement.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED: December 1, 2021

ATTEST: Connie M. Gaylor  
Connie M. Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Craig D. Margolis  
Craig D. Margolis, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Terrence M. Donnellon  
Terrence M. Donnellon, Law Director