



**Township Council**  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**Louise M. Palagano**  
*Municipal Clerk*

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Meeting: 12/13/21 06:30 PM

**2021 RESOLUTION AGREEMENTS**

**RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

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**WHEREAS**, Nationwide settlements have been reached to resolve all Opioids litigation brought by state and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors: McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen (“Distributors”), and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (collectively. “J&J”); and

**WHEREAS**, these settlements will provide substantial funds to states and subdivisions for abatement of the Opioids epidemic across the country and will impose transformative changes in the way the settling defendants conduct their business; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critically important for the Township of Bloomfield, as a party to the litigation to execute the participation agreement and opt into the settlement to maximize its participation in the settlement proceeds; and

**WHEREAS**, if the proposed settlements are fully adopted by states and subdivisions nationwide:

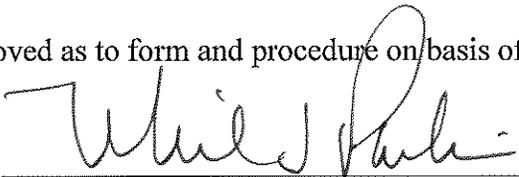
- The Distributors will pay a maximum of \$21 billion over 18 years, while J&J will pay a maximum of \$5 billion over no more than nine years, with approximately \$22.8 billion in settlement proceeds payable to state and local subdivisions governments.
- The Distributors will make an initial deposit of funds into escrow by the end of September 2021, with additional deposits by J&J and the Distributors in early Summer of 2022.
- Funds can begin to flow to states and local governments as early as April 2022, depending on when a settling State meets certain requirements.

- The settlements will allow for a broad range of approved abatement uses by state and local governments. Developed in consultation with the nation's leading public health's experts, the list of pre-approved uses includes a wide range of intervention, treatment, education, and recovery services so that the state and local governments can decide what will best serve their communities. It is anticipated that entire communities will benefit from the effects of the opioid-remediation efforts funded by the settlements and the injunctive relief the settlements provided.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the Township Attorney is authorized to execute the formal participation agreement on behalf of the Township of Bloomfield.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

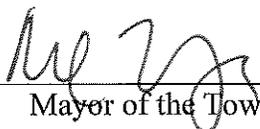
  
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 Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

  
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 Acting Finance Director

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on December 13, 2021.

  
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 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

  
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 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

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