

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COATESVILLE, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COATESVILLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT WITH JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ORTHO-MCNEIL-JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., AND JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Coatesville (hereinafter the “City”) is a Home Rule Municipality operating by means of a home rule charter and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, §2964(1) (General powers of municipalities) of the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law provides that municipalities adopting a home rule charter shall have the power to sue; and

WHEREAS, §2964(6) (General powers of municipalities) of the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law provides that municipalities adopting a home rule charter shall have the power to adopt resolutions; and

WHEREAS, §2-214 (Official action) of the Charter of the City of Coatesville provides that all actions of the Council shall be taken by the adoption of an ordinance, resolution or motion; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 26, 2017, Eric D. Hargan, Acting Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services, determined that a public health emergency existed nationwide as a result of the consequences of the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 10, 2018, the Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Wolf, declared a disaster emergency due to the opioid crisis and most recently renewed the declaration of disaster emergency on or about August 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, litigation and settlements with pharmaceutical organizations regarding the opioid crisis have begun; and


WHEREAS, the City of Coatesville desires to participate in the settlement with certain pharmaceutical organizations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of the foregoing the Council of the City of Coatesville:

1. Authorizes the City to participate in the national opioid settlement with Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-Mcneil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc.
2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the City’s participation in the national opioid settlement with Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-Mcneil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc.

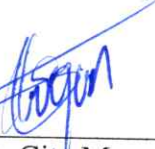
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Council of the City of Coatesville has adopted and enacted this Resolution this 13th day of December, 2021.



Linda Lavender-Norris, Council President

ATTEST:



James Logan, City Manager

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the said Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of City Council held on December 13, 2021 and recorded in the minutes as such.