

AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE VIII OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR MUNICIPAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut was part of a multi-state \$26 billion settlement with pharmaceutical distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen and manufacturer Johnson & Johnson for their role in the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich will receive approximately \$18,000 per year for 18 years from this settlement; and

WHEREAS, according to guidance from Chief Counsel to the Attorney General and Director of Legislative Affairs, these settlement funds “are to be used exclusively for opioid abatement purposes, including, but not limited to, expanding access to opioid use disorder prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery options”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich may receive funds from other settlements and legal actions related to the opioid crisis with similar restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that the following sections be added in Article VIII of Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances:

ARTICLE VIII. OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Sec. 7-156 Separate set of accounts.

Revenues from the opioid settlement with pharmaceutical distributors, manufacturers, and retailers and any revenues from other legal actions and settlements related to the manufacture, distribution, and sale of opioids (collectively referred to as “opioid settlement funds”) and expenditures of opioid settlement funds shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund and not included in general fund revenues.

Sec. 7-157 Expenditure of opioid settlement funds.

The city manager shall submit a resolution proposing the use of unexpended and unencumbered opioid settlement funds to be spent in the following fiscal year for the City Council’s consideration at its first meeting in April. Any expenditures of opioid settlement funds shall be used exclusively for opioid abatement purposes, including, but not limited to, expanding access to opioid use disorder prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery options.

Purpose:

To establish a framework for collecting and appropriating opioid settlement revenues.

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