



**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS
COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-015

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, Minnesota counties and cities, and their people, have been harmed by misconduct committed by certain entities that engage in the manufacture, marketing, promotion, distribution, or dispensing of opioids; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturer and pharmaceutical distribution companies and hold those companies accountable for their misconduct; and

WHEREAS, representatives of local Minnesota governments, the League of Minnesota Cities, the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, the State of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Attorney General's Office have negotiated and prepared a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide for the equitable distribution of proceeds to the State of Minnesota and to individual local governments from recent settlements in the national opioid litigation; and

WHEREAS, by signing onto the MOA, the state and local governments maximize Minnesota's share of opioid settlement funds, demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid epidemic, and ensure needed resources reach the most impacted communities; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2021-077, the City approved the MOA; and

WHEREAS, future settlements involving local governments are contemplated within current lawsuits and bankruptcy proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Attorney General's Office proposed an Amended MOA to reflect future settlement distributions.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Minnesota and the residents of the City of Arden Hills, and the County of Ramsey, that the City participate in all future national opioid litigation settlements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Arden Hills, Minnesota:

1. Participation in the opioid litigation settlements promotes the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Arden Hills.
2. The City of Arden Hills supports and opts-in to all applicable national opioid litigation settlements negotiated by the Minnesota Attorney General's Office and/or the litigating entities.
3. The Amended Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of Minnesota and Local Governments relating to the distribution of settlement funds is hereby approved by the City of Arden Hills.
4. City Staff is hereby authorized to take such measures as necessary to sign the Amended MOA and otherwise participate in all future national opioid settlements, including executing any Participation Agreements and accompanying Releases. City staff shall report to the City Council, as necessary, on the status of future settlements, including financial distributions and timelines.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARDEN HILLS THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023.

David Grant, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Hanson, City Clerk