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1 **R2023-11: TO APPROVE A PARTIAL SETTLEMENT IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA**  
 2 **OPIOID LITIGATION AND TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT**  
 3 **DOCUMENTS**

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4 **Applicant/Purpose:** Staff/ to approve participation in settlement

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6 **Brief:** The City is one of many political subdivisions participating in a consolidated legal action  
7 styled In re South Carolina Opioid Litigation, 2018-CP-23-01294. A proposed settlement has  
8 been reached with several defendants.

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10 **Issues:** If the City desires to participate in the settlement and receive the benefits of the  
11 settlement, the City must indicate approval and enter into the 2023 Amended South Carolina  
12 Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement.

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14 **Public Notification:** Normal meeting notification

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16 **Alternatives:** Amend Resolution / deny Resolution.

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18 **Financial Impact:** If settlement is approved, the City will have access to additional resources to  
19 combat opioid abuse.

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21 **Manager’s Recommendation:** I recommend approval.

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23 **Attachment(s):** Proposed resolution

RESOLUTION R2023-11

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

TO APPROVE A PARTIAL  
SETTLEMENT IN THE SOUTH  
CAROLINA OPIOID LITIGATION  
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WHEREAS, the City of Myrtle Beach (the "City") is participating in a lawsuit styled City of Myrtle Beach v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., bearing Civil Action Number 2019-CP-26-05556 (as consolidated *In re* South Carolina Opioid Litigation, 2018-CP-23-01294) and;

WHEREAS, considerable time and energy has been exerted to resolve the claims against manufacturer defendants Tevis and Allergen and retailer defendants Wal-Mart, Walgreens, and CVS; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to settle with several defendants is now available to the City and the City desires to participate in the settlements that will, among other things, give the City access to substantial resources to address opioid abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

City Council desires to participate in the settlements with manufacturer defendants Tevis and Allergen and the settlements with retailer defendants Wal-Mart, Walgreens and CVS and further desires to enter into the 2023 Amended South Carolina Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement; and

The City Attorney is hereby authorized to execute such additional documents necessary to participate in the settlements.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2023.

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BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK