



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 7.G.
For Meeting of: April 7, 2026

ITEM TITLE: Resolution approving the Settlement Agreement among participating subdivisions and remnant defendants associated with the national prescription opiate litigation lawsuit, Case No. 1:17-md-2804

SUBMITTED BY: Sara Watkins, City Attorney

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

A settlement was reached in a federal lawsuit, In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation. The City was not a named party participant, but under the terms of the settlement, it is eligible for a portion of the settlement. The settlement totals \$97,625,000 to individual jurisdictions, payable in one lump sum payment to each jurisdiction after the settlement is approved.

As with the other settlements, the City of Yakima is allocated a small percentage—in this case 0.0156479776% (after costs and attorneys' fees are taken from the settlement proceeds). Based on the above percentage (and my math), and the attorney fee and cost Exhibit H, the estimated amount Yakima may receive is \$11,487.81. The actual amount may be more or less after the fees and costs are finalized. This is scheduled to be paid out in one installment after the settlement agreement is finalized by the Court.

Much like the previous settlements, if the City chooses to settle it agrees to use the funds pursuant to the Settlement Agreement. The categories are essentially the same as the previous agreements entered into by the City with regards to opioid settlements, including, but not limited to: treatment of opioid and substance abuse disorder; prevention; first responder education and training; community regional planning to support efforts to abate the opioid epidemic; and research. Exhibit D below outlines the approved areas of use.

To take advantage of the settlements, and receive settlement funds, the City must join the settlements by executing the participation form and agreeing to the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement.

Information about the settlement is included in the agenda packet along with the participation form.

The Settlement Agreement in full can be found here:
<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Remnant-Defendant-Settlement-Agreement-Execution-Copy182476567.1-1.pdf>

Exhibit A: List of Actions
<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Remnant-Defendant-Settlement-Agreement-Exhibit-A-List-of-Actions-Execution-Copy182061597.1.pdf>

Exhibit B: Alleged Harms

<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Remnant-Defendant-Settlement-Agreement-Exhibit-B-Alleged-Harms-Execution-Copy180689799.1.pdf>

Exhibit C: List of Litigating Subdivisions

<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Remnant-Defendant-Settlement-Agreement-Exhibit-C-List-of-Litigating-Subdivisions-Execution-Copy182492523.1.pdf>

Exhibit D: List of Opioid Remediation Uses

<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Remnant-Defendant-Settlement-Agreement-Exhibit-D-List-of-Opioid-Remediation-Uses-Execution-Copy180689793.2.pdf>

Exhibit E: Plan of Allocation:

<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Remnant-Defendant-Settlement-Agreement-Exhibit-E-Plan-of-Allocation-Execution-Copy182525358.1-C.pdf>

Exhibit F: List of Affiliates:

<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Remnant-Defendant-Settlement-Agreement-Exhibit-F-List-of-Affiliates-Execution-Copy180689798.1.pdf>

Exhibit G: Participation Form:

<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Remnant-Exhibit-G-Subdivision-Settlement-Participation-Form-Execution-Copy182476553.1.pdf>

Exhibit H: Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses:

<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Remnant-Defendant-Settlement-Agreement-Exhibit-H-Attorneys-Fees-and-Costs-Execution-Copy181220865.1.pdf>

ITEM BUDGETED: No

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Safe and Healthy Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

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