

RESOLUTION No. 2024-18

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ABERDEEN OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING, MANAGING, DISTRIBUTING AND ADMINISTERING SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM OPIOID PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN PARTICIPANTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE “ONE WASHINGTON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WASHINGTON MUNICIPALITIES”

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has been engaged in litigation against certain opioid distributors and pharmaceutical supply chain participants (“Opioid Litigation”) on behalf of itself and its participating political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Litigation has resulted in multiple settlements to date, through which opioid distributors and pharmaceutical supply chain participants have agreed to pay over \$1.3 Billion to the State and its participating political subdivisions to directly combat the ongoing opioid crisis in Washington communities; and

WHEREAS, the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding Between Washington Municipalities (“One WA MOU”), the terms of which are incorporated into this Resolution by reference, was created to ensure a fair and equitable form of allocation of settlement funds resulting from the Opioid Litigation among local jurisdictions who chose to participate in the One WA MOU; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aberdeen (“Aberdeen”) is a signatory of the One WA MOU and is one of 131 cities and counties in the State of Washington that has participated with settlement of the Opioid Litigation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section C.4.g of the One WA MOU, Participating Local Governments, such as Aberdeen, are required to undertake certain actions to ensure that any settlement funds received as a result of the Opioid Litigation are used for Approved Purposes, while also providing for community input and public transparency in how such settlement funds are actually spent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aberdeen wishes to establish a local Opioid Abatement Council to oversee the receipt and expenditure of settlement funds received as a result of the Opioid Litigation, in accordance with the One WA MOU;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN:

Section 1. The Aberdeen Opioid Abatement Council (AOAC) is hereby established with the following provisions:

Purpose: The AOAC shall develop and implement a methodology for soliciting and reviewing proposals for the use of Opioid Funds received by the City of Aberdeen, and shall recommend to the Aberdeen City Council such expenditures of Opioid Funds as are consistent with the Approved Purposes as set forth in the One WA MOU. In determining how Opioid Funds are to be disbursed, the City Council shall give deference to the recommendations of the AOAC. The AOAC shall also conduct an annual review of reports from all recipients of Opioid Funds to ensure compliance with the Approved Purposes.

Membership: The AOAC shall consist of three members, which shall include: the Chief of Police, or the Chief's designee; the City Administrator, or the Administrator's designee; and a third member to be appointed by the City Council, such member to have education or experience in the fields of health care, social services, or addiction/recovery. The Chief of Police and the City Administrator, or their respective designees, shall serve indefinitely; the third member shall serve an initial three-year term, subject to re-appointment for no more than one additional three-year term, and subject also to removal at any time by majority vote of the City Council. Any vacancy caused by the departure or removal of either the Chief of Police or the City Administrator shall automatically be filled by their successors, including Acting appointments. Any vacancy caused by the voluntary departure or involuntary removal of the third member shall be filled by the City Council on the same qualifications as that member's initial appointment.

Chair: The AOAC members shall select amongst themselves one person to serve as Chair of the AOAC, such selection to occur at the first meeting of the AOAC and then annually at the first meeting of each calendar year thereafter. The Chair shall conduct the meetings of the AOAC and shall act as the representative of the AOAC in other matters. Nothing shall prohibit a member from serving as Chair for consecutive terms or multiple terms.

Meetings: The AOAC shall hold its first meeting no later than 90 days after the effective date of this Resolution. Thereafter, the AOAC shall establish a Regular Meeting schedule, to be held at least quarterly, and noticed in accordance with Chapter 42.30 RCW. A quorum of the membership to which the AOAC is entitled shall be required for the transaction of business, and any actions of the AOAC may be approved by a simple majority of such quorum. The Chair may call a Special Meeting at any time to take action on any matters within the scope of the AOAC's Purpose as described herein.


Rules: The AOAC is authorized to adopt rules of procedure governing the transaction of its business, but the AOAC shall generally follow Robert's Rules of Order to the extent that they do not explicitly conflict with any rules of procedure so adopted.

Administration: The City of Aberdeen hereby agrees to provide for the administration of the AOAC through its Police Department. The Department shall be responsible for providing administrative support to the AOAC, including scheduling meetings, preparing reports, and such other tasks as may be assigned by the Chair of the AOAC. The Department shall also be responsible for maintenance of all AOAC records, in accordance with applicable State records retention schedules and Chapter 42.56 RCW.

Section 2. The AOAC shall be established as of the effective date of this Resolution, and shall continue for a period of 10 years thereafter. The City Council may sooner dissolve the AOAC by passage of a resolution to that effect, provided that the City Council also assumes the responsibility for ensuring the City's continued compliance with the One WA MOU.


Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately as of the date of passage.

PASSED and APPROVED this 25th day of September 2024.



Douglas Orr, Mayor

ATTEST:



Becca Weiss, Deputy Clerk