

**Resolution No. 2021-049**

**Resolution of Board of Commissioner of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 Relating to Authorizing the Fire Chief to Execute Memorandum of Understanding for *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio)**

on authorizing St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 (herein referred to as this “Governmental Unit”) to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the *LOUISIANA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING* (the “MOU”) and any subsequent Formal Agreements necessary to implement the MOU, including but not limited to, the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in Exhibit K of the National *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*<sup>1</sup>.

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Cities and Parishes have also filed actions either in state court or have been transferred to *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the “Opioid Litigation”) and St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 is a litigating participant in such action;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and lawyers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) sets forth sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the MOU will be entered into at a future date; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the MOU by a large majority of Louisiana cities and parishes will materially increase the amount of funds to Louisiana and should improve Louisiana’s relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations;

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the MOU will reduce funds available to the State, West Baton Rouge Parish Government, and every other Louisiana city and Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:

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<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>

SECTION 1. That this Governmental Unit finds that participation in the MOU would be in the best interest of the Governmental Unit and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every city and Parish receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

SECTION 2. That this Governmental Unit hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the MOU.

SECTION 3. That Chad Danenhower is hereby expressly authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form described:

SECTION 4. That Fire Chief Chris Kaufmann, is hereby authorized to execute the any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the MOU and this Resolution including but not limited to the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in the *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*<sup>2</sup>.

SECTION 5. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

SECTION 6. The clerk of this Governmental Unit is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Ordinance/Resolution to the Louisiana Attorney General at:

Attorney General Jeff Landry  
c/o Bill Stiles  
Post Office Box 94005  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of, December, 2021.

**Appointing Authority Representative**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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