

RESOLUTION NO. 4987

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF FAIRBANKS
PARTICIPATION IN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE
NATIONWIDE OPIOID LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, opioids have devastated individuals and significantly harmed communities throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, opioid impacts have resulted in increased demands on law enforcement, on healthcare, including behavioral healthcare, on emergency medical services, on educational supportive services, and on emergency and transitional housing services; and

WHEREAS, municipalities in Alaska are uniquely suited to help use and distribute opioid settlement funds because of the array of services provided by municipalities and by local providers; and

WHEREAS, opioid settlement funds should be available to reimburse existing services and create new opioid-related municipal services, like services for people experiencing homelessness, police, fire/EMS, behavioral health, and other healthcare, in addition to providing grants to local entities who provide opioid support services; and

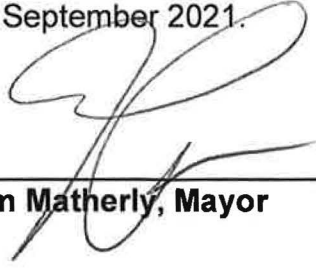
WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City to maximize the amount of settlement funding that will come to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, municipalities in Alaska encourage the State of Alaska to distribute opioid settlement funds in a manner that provides stable short- and long-term funding to abate the opioid impacts in Alaska's municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks City Council agrees to the terms of the opioid litigation settlement, as proposed, and authorizes the Mayor to enter into such settlements and any other future similar settlements, to forgo future litigation, and to use the settlement funds for opioid abatement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Fairbanks urges the State of Alaska to create a settlement structure, in collaboration with participating Alaska municipalities, that addresses local needs, supports residents and service providers, and protects the settlement funds from legislative action beyond the terms agreed to by the parties to the settlement.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 27th day of September 2021.




Jim Matherly, Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: September 27, 2021

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyelle Snider, MMC, City Clerk



Paul Ewers, City Attorney