

RESOLUTION NO. 1175

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLBY, KANSAS, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT TO RELEASE AND ASSIGN THE CITY'S OPIOID CLAIMS TO THE KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND CERTIFYING COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION MITIGATION IN EXCESS OF \$500.

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Kansas Legislature enacted HB 2079, the Kansas Fights Addiction Act (the "Act"), authorizing litigating municipalities such as the City of Colby to access opioid litigation settlement funds and become eligible for certain state grants by entering an agreement releasing the city's opioid litigation claims to the Attorney General and assigning any future opioid litigation claims to the Attorney General (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Colby sustained damages related to the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colby desires to enter an Agreement releasing and assigning its Claims to the Attorney General in order to access opioid litigation settlement funds and become eligible for certain state grants;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLBY, KANSAS:

Section 1. Authorization of the Agreement. City hereby authorizes the release of its legal claims arising from covered conduct to the Attorney General, and the assignment of any future legal claims arising from covered conduct to the Attorney General, pursuant to the Agreement by and between the Attorney General and the City in substantially the form presented to and reviewed by the governing body at this meeting (copies of this document shall be on file in the records of the City), with such changes therein as shall be reviewed by the City Attorney and the officials of the City executing such documents.

Section 2. Execution of the Agreement. The Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute, seal, attest and deliver the Agreement in substantially the form presented to and reviewed by the governing body at this meeting and such other settlement agreements, documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary and desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution, for and on behalf of the City.

Section 3. Certification of Costs and Expenses. The City hereby certifies that it has incurred costs and expenses related to substance abuse or addiction mitigation in excess of \$500 and the City can utilize the opioid litigation settlement funds for the lawful purposes established in the Kansas Fights Addiction Act and the settlement agreements. The City Clerk and City Attorney are hereby authorized to execute, seal, attest and deliver such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary and desirable to certify these costs and expenses or similar costs and expenses, for and on behalf of the City.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED this 21st day of December, 2021 and **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

Gary L. Adrian, Mayor

Attested:

Joni L. Ketchum, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John D. Gatz, City Attorney

Notes

1. This resolution is intended to capture the minimum requirements of the Act; authorizing the city to enter into an agreement to release and assign any and all current and future opioid claims and certifying city costs associated with opioid abuse treatment and mitigation in excess of \$500. In addition to those necessary components, the draft resolution authorizes city manager or administrator and/or the mayor to execute the agreements necessary for the city to have access to the settlement funds on behalf of the city.
2. The italicized “Whereas” clause will not be necessary unless your city has filed opioid litigation independent of the state.
3. This resolution and any agreements entered into pursuant to the resolution should be reviewed by the city attorney.