Gahanna

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TO: Gahanna City Council
Clerk of Council

FROM: Priya D. Tamilarasan, Esq., City Attorney

Cc: Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin
Director Joann Bury

DATE: March 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Department of Law – Request for Council Action (March 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole)

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ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

In 2021, Gahanna City Council passed RES-0028-2021 authorizing participation in OneOhio, a plan to ensure money from negotiated settlements from distributors of opioids is distributed fairly to communities hit hardest by the opioid crisis. The OneOhio plan anticipated settlements with AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal, and McKesson at the time. There have since been settlements with several additional distributors. We are a participant in settlements with Janssen, Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, McKinsey, and Kroger by way of our participation in OneOhio. The total amount collected thus far is $123,892.39. These funds can be used to abate the opioid crisis. There was an additional settlement with Purdue Pharma, LP ("Purdue Direct Settlement"), for which our participation was authorized in August of 2025, RES-0038-2025.

Recently, the City was notified of an additional settlement with: Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including is subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics), collectively referred to as "Six Remnant Defendants." Participation requires the completion of a Participation Form that has not yet been received.

Conclusion:
The Department of Law respectfully requests Council approve a Resolution to authorize the City Attorney to participate in this settlement.

Requested Legislation and Funding:

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| Legislation Needed: | Resolution |
| Emergency/Waiver: | N/A |

Attachments:

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