

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
January 28th, 2022
8:00AM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order

3. Discuss and Action on Resolution - **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.**

Motion _____ Seconded _____ Motion _____
Commissioner Castleberry, Commissioner Urbanek, Commissioner Bell Commissioner Donahue, Mayor Gares

4. Discuss and Action on Resolution - **APPROVING THE SALE OF LIQUOR AT AN EVENT AT 820 SOUTH BROADWAY ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2022**

Motion _____ Seconded _____ Motion _____
Commissioner Castleberry, Commissioner Urbanek, Commissioner Bell Commissioner Donahue, Mayor Gares

5. Adjourn

Motion _____ Seconded _____ Motion _____

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Opioid Settlement Informational Sheet

Kansas is part of the multi-state litigation aimed at holding the producers and distributors of opioids accountable for the negative effects that their drugs have had on the American public. In 2021, the State Legislature passed HB 2079 to govern the distribution of settlement funds. The bill requires 75% of settlement funds to go to the state and 25% of these funds to be split between municipal governments. Pursuant to this legislation, the League, the Kansas Association of Counties, and the Attorney General's office are finalizing a required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) governing how the local funds will be split and used.

In order to receive settlement funds, your city will need to certify previous or expected costs to the city of at least \$500, agree to spend any settlement funds for lawful purposes, and waive any remaining claims related to the opioid litigation. **It is important to note** that any city not having already filed a lawsuit on their own is barred from doing so by HB 2079. So, if your city is a non-litigating city, meaning that you have not filed opioid litigation on your own independent of the state, then going through these steps will be the only way that your city can receive settlement funds.

Certifying Costs and Agreeing to Spend Funds on Lawful Purposes

Your city will be required to certify, **by resolution**, that the city has had or will have at least \$500 in costs related to opioid abuse or addiction mitigation and that the city is able to utilize any settlement funds on purposes approved in the MOU and the various settlements. The League's sample resolution will, among other things, certify costs and the ability to spend on lawful purposes as required.

- **Question 1: What are approved purposes?**
 - Approved purposes will likely include projects and activities, including law enforcement, that prevent, reduce, treat, or mitigate the effects of substance abuse and addiction. Language in the various settlements and the finalized MOU will offer more clarity on this. Cities will be able to partner with non-profit entities or pool money with other municipalities to use the settlement funds on projects well suited to address the problems brought on by opioid addiction and abuse.

- **Question 2: What can be included as we calculate costs?**
 - Generally any public funds spent on opioid abuse mitigation and treatment can be included when calculating if your city meets that \$500 threshold. Examples we have heard from cities have been the cost of Narcan kits and the personnel costs to emergency agencies (Fire, EMS, and Police) in responding to overdose calls.

Waiving Claims

Your city will also be required to enter various agreements waiving any future claims that the city may have against various producers and distributors arising from conduct covered by the state settlement. All cities wishing to receive settlement funds will be required to enter the MOU. In addition to the MOU, cities wishing to receive funds will need to enter agreements with other entities (as of now Johnson & Johnson and a collection of distributors). Where you can find this release and how it will be submitted will vary by city population:

- **Cities with population of 10,000 or more.**
 - You should have received a notice from the National Opioids Settlement Administrator. This notice will include directions on how to register for the national settlement site and will include a code unique to your city allowing you to register for the site. Once registered, you will be sent the settlement release forms for the distributor's settlement and the J&J settlement that can be signed online by anyone with authorization to do so. If you have not received this notice, send an email to jgoodyear@lkm.org.
- **Cities with population of less than 10,000**
 - You will still need to sign these releases in order to have access to funds, but you will not be able to do so online. Instead, you will be required to submit an Exhibit K form. These forms will be a PDF and there will be one for the Distributors settlement and one for the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) settlement. The forms can be found on the League's website, on the Kansas Fights Addiction Act page https://www.lkm.org/page/Opioid_Settlement. In order to participate and receive funds, your city will need to fill out, sign, and submit both forms to participation@nationalopioidsettlement.com
- **Question 1: Who can sign the MOU and these settlement releases and agreements on behalf of the city?**
 - Release of these claims will require action by the governing body. Some cities have begun passing resolutions releasing claims and authorizing city personnel or a city official (ex: city manager or administrator, or mayor) to enter the agreements

necessary to effectuate that waiver. The League has developed a sample resolution doing just that. While you will not be required to pass such a resolution, it may be easier for the city to do so; authorizing one official to act on the city's behalf instead of waiting until all agreements are ready and finalized to hold a special meeting of the governing body to take up each agreement.

Sample Resolution

The League, in consult with some city attorneys, has drafted a sample resolution to certify city costs, affirm that the city will only spend the funds on permissible purposes, and authorize a city official to execute any agreements that are necessary for the city to receive settlement funds. We urge you to work with your city attorney as you make modifications to the resolution to make it fit your city.

Submission of the Resolution and Signed MOU

Once your city has passed a resolution certifying costs and has signed Exhibit A of the MOU, those signed documents must be submitted to the Attorney General's Office. The completed Exhibit A and the resolution can be submitted on the Attorney General's Opioid page: <https://ag.ks.gov/opioids>. There you will find a link to a Subdivision Settlement Document Submission Form where you will be required to fill in some information and upload the forms.

More Questions? Contact jgoodyear@lkm.org

Settlement Participation Form

Governmental Entity: City of Herington, a municipal corporation	State: Kansas
Authorized Signatory: Eric Gares, Mayor, of the City of Herington, Kansas	
Address 1: 17 N. Broadway	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip: Herington, Kansas 67449	
Phone: 785-258-2271	
Email: eric@cityofherington.com; branden@cityofherington.com; megan@cityofherington.com	

The governmental entity identified above (“Governmental Entity”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated July 21, 2021 (“Janssen Settlement”), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Janssen Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Janssen Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Janssen Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall, within 14 days of the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Janssen Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Janssen Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Janssen Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity’s state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court’s role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Janssen Settlement.
7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Janssen Settlement as provided therein.

8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Janssen Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section IV (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Janssen Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Janssen Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.

9. In connection with the releases provided for in the Janssen Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Janssen Settlement.

10. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Janssen Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Election and Release is interpreted differently from the Janssen Settlement in any respect, the Janssen Settlement controls.

I swear under penalty of perjury that I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: Eric Gares

Title: Mayor, City of Herington, KS.

Date: 1/28/22

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The governmental entity identified above (“Governmental Entity”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated July 21, 2021 (“Distributor Settlement”), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Distributor Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Distributor Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Distributor Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall, within 14 days of the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Distributor Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Distributor Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Distributor Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity’s state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court’s role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Distributor Settlement.
7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Distributor Settlement as provided therein.

8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Distributor Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Part XI, and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Distributor Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Distributor Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision as set forth in the Distributor Settlement.
10. In connection with the releases provided for in the Distributor Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

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11. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Distributor Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Election and Release is interpreted differently from the Distributor Settlement in any respect, the Distributor Settlement controls.

I swear under penalty of perjury that I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____
Name: Eric Gares
Title: Mayor, City of Herington, KS.
Date: 1/28/22

Exhibit A — Agreement to Release and Assign Claims

BETWEEN:

[City of Herington, Kansas _____], (the “Assignor”), a municipality as defined by Kansas Statutes Annotated §12-105a, or other Political Subdivision, located within the State of Kansas, with its principal business office located at:

[_____]

AND:

Derek Schmidt, the duly elected Attorney General of the State of Kansas, with a principal business office located at:

The Office of the Kansas Attorney General
120 SW 10th Ave., 2nd Floor
Topeka, KS 66612

FOR VALUE CONTEMPLATED, to gain access to money recovered by the State of Kansas for the abatement or remediation of substance abuse or addiction, made available by the Kansas Fights Addiction Act, 2021 Kansas House Bill No. 2079, consistent with **Kansas Opioids Memorandum of Understanding between the Kansas Attorney General, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties**, and to permit as adopted by resolution passed by the Assignor on [January 28, 2022], the Assignor hereby releases its legal claims, and transfers and assigns to the Assignee, his successors, assigns, deputies, assistants, and personal representatives, any and all claims, demands, and cause or causes of actions on any kind whatsoever which the undersigned has or may have against any opioid manufacturer, distributor, and/or pharmacy, or entity within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain, arising from the following type of claim:

Any and all claims arising out of “covered conduct” and “opioid litigation” as defined by 2021 Kansas House Bill No. 2079, and any and all claims on file by Assignor in MDL Case No. 1:17-md-2804, if any.

And the undersigned may in the name of the State of Kansas and for the benefit of the State of Kansas as defined by state law, 2021 House Bill No. 2079, and consistent with Kansas Opioids Memorandum of Understanding between the Attorney General, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties, prosecute, collect, settle, compromise and grant releases on said claim as in his sole discretions deems advisable.

Any failure of the Assignor to comply with any requirement of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Kansas Fights Addiction Act, any other provision of Kansas law, or any reporting, requesting, monitoring, or other provision of any opioid settlement agreement which produces money governed by the Kansas Fights Addiction Act, may result in the suspension, termination, or other cessation of future payments to the Assignor from any fund established in the Kansas Fights Addiction Act.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Assignment on the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

ASSIGNOR

Authorized Signature

Print Name and Title

ASSIGNEE

Authorized Signature

**Derek Schmidt, Kansas Attorney General
Office of the Kansas Attorney General**

RESOLUTION NO. 948

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, 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 Herington 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 Herington sustained damages related to the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Herington 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 HERINGTON, 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 Manager, 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 Manager 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 28th day of January and **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

Eric Gares, Mayor

Attested:

Megan Lawrenz, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bradley D. Jantz, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 949

A RESOLUTION GRANTING TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 5-110 PROHIBITING SALE, POSSESSION, AND CONSUMPTION OF ANY ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE, OR ENHANCED CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, DICKINSON COUNTY KANSAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Herington, Kansas generally prohibits consumption of alcoholic liquor or enhanced cereal malt beverages on public property within the city limits; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to allow for temporary exemptions from such a general prohibition by resolution lawfully approved by majority vote of the Governing Body; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has received a request for exemption for a public event to be held on city property and deems it appropriate to allow for a temporary exemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS:

1. The Governing Body hereby finds that a temporary exemption should be granted for the, sale, possession, and consumption of any cereal malt beverage including enhanced cereal malt beverages defined as having an alcohol concentration of no more than 6.0% by volume and alcoholic liquor, on certain public property identified in paragraph 2 of this resolution.
2. The exemption shall apply only to a clearly defined, fenced and/or secure area in an enclosed structure and on the defined area within a commonly known public property identified as the "Community Building " located at 810 South Broadway, within the city limits of the City of Herington, Kansas. Such defined area as established, and any signage or surrounding security barriers identifying the prescribed area, shall be approved in advance by the Herington Police Chief.
3. The exemption shall be allowed on Saturday, January 29th, 2022 from six (6) o'clock a.m. until eleven-thirty (11:30) o'clock p.m. at which time such temporary exemption shall expire.
4. Such exemption shall apply for the sale, possession, and consumption of enhanced cereal malt beverages defined as having an alcohol concentration of no more than 6.0% by volume and alcoholic liquor.

5. All necessary permits authorizing the sale, possession, and consumption of any cereal malt beverage including enhanced cereal malt beverages defined as having an alcohol concentration of no more than 6.0% by volume and alcoholic liquor, shall be timely applied for and granted by the appropriate licensing agency in advance of the noted date herein as a precondition for award of this exemption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Herington, Dickinson County, Kansas this 28th day of January, 2022.

Eric Gares, Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan Lawrenz, City Clerk