



RESOLUTION 21-604
TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DRUG DEALER
LIABILITY ACT LAWSUIT

The Town of Mount Carmel Legislative Body meeting in regular session on the 22nd day of April 2021, a quorum being present and a majority voting in the affirmative, hereby RESOLVES as follows:

WHEREAS, Town of Mount Carmel, as well as other counties in Tennessee and in surrounding states, has experienced an epidemic related to the distribution and use of opioids by its citizens that has generated critical issues and problems for the Town of Mount Carmel, including but not limited to opioid addiction by the Town of Mount Carmel citizens, drug overdose deaths, the birth of drug dependent babies, a rise in criminal charges convictions for the illegal sale and use of opioids as well as other crimes resulting from the opioid abuse epidemic, including but not limited to burglary, theft, and fraud, and the loss of productivity of the citizens in the workplace, damage and destruction to the family unit, all resulting from the illegal sale, distribution, and use of opioids in the Town of Mount Carmel;

WHEREAS, District Attorney Dan Armstrong is the duly elected District Attorney General for the 3rd Judicial District of the State of Tennessee;

WHEREAS, General Dan Armstrong brought a lawsuit in 2017 through the law firm of Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings, PLLC to recover money for the Town of Mount Carmel under Tennessee's Drug Dealer Liability Act ("DDLA"), and that lawsuit is pending in Sullivan County Circuit Court;

The Town of Mount Carmel Legislative Body hereby RESOLVES that it fully supports the lawsuit, approves of the actions taken in the lawsuit thus far on its behalf, approves of the lawsuit going forward with the Town of Mount Carmel as the named plaintiff, and retains District Attorney Dan Armstrong and the law firm of Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings, PLLC as counsel in this matter and any other opioid-related lawsuit.

Pat Stilwell, Mayor
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Attest:

Mike Housewright
Mike Housewright, City Manager

Approved as to form:

John Pevy
John Pevy, City Attorney

MOTION: <u>Mawk</u>			
SECOND: <u>Stilwell</u>			
1 st READING	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
Alderman Mindy Fleishour	✓		
Alderman John Gibson	✓		
Alderman Jim Gilliam	✓		
Alderman Steven McLain	✓		
Alderman Darby Patrick	✓		
Vice-Mayor Tresa Mawk	✓		
Mayor Pat Stilwell	✓		
TOTALS	<u>7</u>		