A RESOLUTION OF THE HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING OF THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST ALBERTSONS, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including the City of Harrisonburg, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Harrisonburg's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including Harrisonburg, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause Albertsons, as defined in the Albertsons Settlement Agreement, to pay approximately $749.5 million dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, the City has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that the pending settlement with Albertsons shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, opioid manufacturers Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan, and retail pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Kroger;

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement with Albertsons and has recommended that the City participate in the settlement in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Harrisonburg City Council, this ___ day of _____, 2026, approves of the City's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Albertsons, and directs the City Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City's participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against Albertsons.

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Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk