

Town of Upper Marlboro

RESOLUTION: 2019-07
SESSION: Regular Town Meeting
DATE: August 13, 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO TO RETAIN THE LAW FIRMS OF SHAPIRO SHER GUINOT & SANDLER, P.A. AND THEODORA ORINGHER P.C., AND ANDREWS & THORNTON REGARDING A CIVIL SUIT AGAINST CERTAIN ENTITIES LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WRONGFUL MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRESCRIPTION OPIATES AND NUISANCE DAMAGES CAUSED TO THE MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Town Commissioners recognizes the negative impact of the opioid crisis on the State of Maryland and the residents of the Town of Upper Marlboro; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Town Commissioners have deemed it in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to enter into a retainer agreement with law firms administering a civil suit against those legally responsible for the wrongful manufacture and distribution of prescription opiates; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the Town to join this civil suit as a party and the referenced firms have agreed to represent the Town on a contingency basis at no cost unless there is a recovery won whereby the firms' costs will be paid pro rata by the recovery in monetary damages obtained by the several participating Maryland municipalities in the litigation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO that the Town hereby retains the law firms of Shapiro Sher Guinot & Sandler, P.A., and Theodora Oringher P.C., and Andrews & Thornton, in civil suit against those legally responsible for the wrongful manufacture and distribution of prescription opiates and damages caused.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and that the President/Mayor is authorized to execute the subject retainer agreement with the above-referenced law firms.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland at a regular meeting on the 13th day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:


M. David Williams, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN
OF UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND


Wanda Leonard, President

Town of Upper Marlboro





Kai Bernal-LeClaire, Commissioner


Linda Pennoyer, Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Upper Marlboro and that the Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro at a public meeting at which a quorum was present adopted this Resolution, and that said Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended or repealed. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the municipal corporation, this 13th day of August, 2019.


M. David Williams, Town Clerk