

COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 6

As amended

1st Reading April 25, 2024.....

Date to County Executive.. May 10, 2024....

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Date Adopted:

Date Resubmitted to Board.....

... May 9, 2024.....

Approved as to Form and Legality

... May 29, 2024.....

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Effective Date

County Counsel

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE OF MERCER COUNTY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE MERCER COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL. N.J.S.A. 26:2G-42. (AMENDMENT
NO. 27)

RECORD OF VOTE													
First Reading							Second Reading						
COMMISSIONERS	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.	COMMISSIONERS	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.
Frisby	X						Frisby	X				✓	
Lewis	X						Lewis	X					
McLaughlin	X						McLaughlin	X					✓
Melker				X			Melker	X					
Stokes	X					✓	Stokes	X					
Walter	X				✓		Walter	X					
Cimino	X						Cimino	X					

X—Indicates Vote Abs.—Absent N.V.—Not Voting
Res.—Resolution Moved Sec.—Resolution Seconded

Rejected By..... *Dan Benson*.....

Approved County Executive

Reconsidered Override
By Board..... Vote Aye Nay

[Signature]
Chair of the Board

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Clerk to the Board

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WHEREAS, on or about April 24, 2003, the then-Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted Ordinance No. 2003 – 8, which restated, amended and adopted in its entirety the Mercer County, New Jersey Administrative Code (“Code”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.01.02 of the Code, the Board of County Commissioners has the power to adopt ordinances as it deems appropriate and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 26:2G- 42, County advisory councils, national opioid litigation resolution, disbursement, received monies, requires the establishment of an advisory council to provide input, advice and recommendations on the disbursement of monies received from national opioid litigation settlements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County to amend the County’s Administrative Code accordingly to establish such an advisory council: now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mercer County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. Title 3, *Boards, commissions, councils and committees*, of the Administrative Code of Mercer County, be and hereby is amended as follows (underlined language is new):

ARTICLE III Advisory Boards and Commissions

Section 3.01.110. Advisory boards and commissions continued.

Agency	Statute	Assigned to
<u>Opioid Settlement Advisory Council</u>	*** <u>N.J.S.A. 26: 2G-42</u>	<u>Human Services</u>

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Chapter 3.25

OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 3.25.010. Establishment.

Section 3.25.020. Function.

Section 3.25.030. Membership

Section 3.25.040. Vacancies.

Section 3.25.050. Annual report.

Section 3.25.010. Establishment.

There is established in the County of Mercer County pursuant to the revised statutes of New Jersey, N.J. S. A. 26:2G-39, et seq., as same may be amended and supplemented, the Mercer County Opioid Settlement Advisory Council.

Section 3.25.020 . Function.

It shall be the function of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council to provide input, advice and recommendations to the County Administration on the disbursement of monies received by Mercer County from national opioid litigation settlements. N.J.S.A. 26:2G- 42.

Section 3.25.030. Membership.

(a) At a minimum, the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council shall consist of the following:

- *a member possessing expertise in substance use disorder treatment or prevention;
- *a member representing a provider of behavioral health or substance use disorder treatment in the community;
- * a member with personal experience with substance use and substance disorder issues;
- *the County prosecutor or the County prosecutor's designee; and
- *an individual authorized to appropriate funds on behalf of the governing body of the County, or such individual's designee.

Members of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council shall be residents of the County, with the exception of the member representing a provider of behavioral health or substance use disorder treatment.

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The Opioid Settlement Advisory Council may include any additional members as the County Executive deems necessary and appropriate.

(b) Citizen members shall serve for two (2) years or until the appointment and qualification of their successor.

(c) Any individual who is a member of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council solely by virtue of his/her employment with Mercer County shall no longer be a member upon the cessation of County employment.

Section 3.25.040. Vacancies.

Any vacancy shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 3.25.050. Annual report.

The Opioid Settlement Advisory Council shall report at least annually to the Mercer County Board of Commissioners and the County Executive as to the progress made by the Council in pursuit of the goals established by the enabling State legislation, as same may be amended and supplemented, and within this chapter.

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2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to comply with the publication of the Ordinance within the provisions of law.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

4. Upon adoption, certified copies of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive and County Counsel.