



## STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: David Jarrell, City Manager

Date: July 23, 2021

Subject: R-24-21, Opioid and Illicit Substance Abuse Epidemic

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This resolution provides recognition of the ongoing opioid and illicit substance abuse epidemic, supports educational outreach, and identifies the need for additional funding and other resources through Federal, State and County Intervention Teams.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States has experienced an alarming increase in overdoses and fatalities. In Annapolis, overdoses increased by 22.2% during 2019-2020 and fatal overdoses increased by 120% in 2020. The Annapolis Fire Department is averaging one call per day involving a drug overdose, poison or substance abuse. Of these, 42% are suspected to involve opioids.

The City Council recognizes that the opioid crisis is escalating with COVID, and should be a top priority for increased funding from Federal, State and County agencies. Furthermore, the City Council supports continuation of collaboration between City departments and offices toward a long-term strategy to end drug addiction and overdoses.

*Prepared by David Jarrell, City Manager*