

Wilmington, Delaware  
May 19, 2016

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**WHEREAS**, it is a fundamental function and responsibility of government to promote the general safety and welfare of the governed, and the City of Wilmington remains committed to doing its part to promote the highest standard of living for its residents and to address threats to their safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware, like many other states, has witnessed a dramatic increase in the abuse of heroin and opioids, and as a result has experienced an increase in the number of patients overdosing on these substances; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts have been made at the City level, as well as by New Castle County and the State of Delaware, to raise awareness of the growing number of overdoses and overdose deaths reported throughout the First State; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Jack Markell recently signed a bipartisan bill creating the Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission, a panel which would include high-ranking law enforcement and public health officials from throughout Delaware, as well as representatives of major advocacy organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission will be tasked with studying the facts related to overdose deaths in Delaware involving prescription opiates, fentanyl or heroin, and reporting to the governor and General Assembly each year with recommendations for how to prevent such incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council wishes to express its support of this Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that the Council supports the creation of the Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission, and the recognition on the part of State officials that the unacceptably high rate of overdose deaths being recorded across Delaware warrant careful attention and a diligent response.

Passed by City Council,  
May 19, 2016

Attest: Maribel Seijo  
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of May, 2016.

Pamphlet  
Assistant City Solicitor