

ORDINANCE NO. **BG2025 - 19**

ORDINANCE CREATING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY AND  
BARREN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ORDINANCE CREATING AND APPROVING  
INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
WITH WARREN COUNTY AND BARREN RIVER  
AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REGARDING  
USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute (“KRS”) 65.210 to 65.300, inclusive, as amended (the “Interlocal Act”), public agencies may enter into Interlocal Agreements on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and,

WHEREAS, the local governments participating in this Agreement have received and will continue to receive funding (“Settlement Funds”) from defendants of the various national opioid litigation and bankruptcy cases (the “Opioid Litigation”); and,

WHEREAS, effective March 24, 2021, the Kentucky Legislature passed KRS 15.293, which specified the appropriation of Settlement Funds between the Commonwealth of Kentucky and local governments; and,

WHEREAS, effective March 24, 2021, the Kentucky Legislature passed KRS 15.291, which created the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (the “Commission”) and specified criteria for expenditure of the Settlement Funds; and,

WHEREAS, following much research by legislators, local government employees and elected officials, a regional opioid symposium was hosted by BRADD and a regional advisory group was formed to discuss strategies to address the opioid crisis in the BRADD region; and,

WHEREAS, collaboration and pooling of Settlement Funds is a way to create a more significant impact in the region; and,

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WHEREAS, as a result of the work of stakeholders, the symposium, and the advisory group, BRADD created the Barren River Office of Drug Control Policy and two regional projects emerged: a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Crisis Intake Center and a Life Learning Center (together the “Anchor Project”); and,

WHEREAS, in April of 2024 the General Assembly awarded \$20 million to BRADD for the Anchor Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Anchor Project is an eligible use for the City’s opioid funding; and,

WHEREAS, the City elects to allocate \$750,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 and \$125,000 in Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028, for a total amount of \$1,000,000 of Settlement Funds for expenditure toward the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Crisis Intake Center; and,

WHEREAS, the parties now wish to set out in more detail and in writing the Interlocal Agreement between the parties as it relates to the use of opioid settlement funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky as follows:

1. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Regarding Use of Opioid Settlement Funds, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this ordinance as if copied in full herein, is hereby approved.
2. This Agreement shall be effective from and after its execution and upon the approval of the Agreement by the Kentucky Department for Local Government and the filing of a certified copy of the Agreement with the Kentucky Secretary of State.
3. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.
4. All prior Municipal Orders or Ordinances, or parts of any Municipal Order or Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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5. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to KRS 83A.060 in that it was introduced on September 2, 2025, and given final reading on September 16, 2025, and said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signature, recordation and publication in summary pursuant to KRS Chapter 424.

ADOPTED: September 16, 2025

APPROVED:   
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:   
City Clerk

SPONSORED BY: Jeffery B. Meisel, City Manager

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and City Clerk of the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky; that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioners of said City at a meeting duly held on September 16, 2025; that said official action appears as a matter of public record in the official records of the governing authority; that said meeting was held in accordance with all applicable requirements of Kentucky law, including KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820 and 61.826, if applicable; that a quorum was present at said meeting; that said official action has not been modified, amended, revoked or repealed and is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

  
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City Clerk