



## Rochester to join national opioids lawsuit

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Rochester, N.Y. — Joining dozens of other municipalities, Rochester is going up against opioid manufacturers and distributors in the courtroom.

Rochester City Council voted Tuesday to allow the city's corporation counsel to join the lawsuit, which is being handled by New York City law firm Napoli Shkolnik.

The effort carries no cost to the city and is intended to try to recoup costs associated with the drug epidemic.

Mayor Lovely Warren submitted [legislation](#) to members of the council last month to begin civil litigation against "opioid manufacturers, distributors and others who have promoted the abuse of opioids."

Last January, Monroe County [joined](#) a similar effort.

Seventy people overdosed - nine fatally - in January, according to the Monroe County Heroin Task Force. In 2018, there were 1,133 reported overdoses -166 of which were fatal.

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