

Gardner Rentals, LLC v. Long County, Georgia

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LONG COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

TO: LONG COUNTY, GEORGIA TAXPAYERS WHO WERE ASSESSED AND PAID FIRE FEES AT ANY TIME FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 2024, THROUGH THE DATE OF FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. A COURT AUTHORIZED THIS NOTICE.

A Settlement has been preliminarily approved by the Superior Court of Long County, Georgia in the class action lawsuit (the “**Lawsuit**”) listed above. If the Settlement is approved by the Court at or after the Final Approval Hearing described below, Long County, Georgia has agreed to create an Aggregate Refund Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 (the “**Aggregate Refund Fund**”). Individual Class Member refunds will be calculated pursuant to the terms of the proposed Judgment and Order (“**Order and Judgment**” or “**Judgment**”).

You are a member of the Class if you were assessed and paid Fire Fees at any time from September 6, 2024, through the date of final approval and entry of the proposed Judgment.

A Final Approval Hearing will be held on October 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Long County Courthouse to determine among other things: (1) whether to finally certify the Settlement Class; (2) whether the proposed Settlement should be granted final approval; (3) whether Class Counsel’s request for an award of attorneys’ fees, expenses and service award to Class Representative should be approved; (4) whether the Lawsuit and the Class Members’ claims against Long County, Georgia should be dismissed; and (5) whether final judgment should be entered. If no objections are filed, the Court may elect to hold the hearing telephonically or virtually.

If you are a member of the Class as defined above, your rights may be affected by the proposed Settlement as set forth in the Order and Judgment.

You do not have the right to exclude yourself from the Settlement in this Lawsuit, but you do have the right to object in writing. Any objection by a Class Member must be postmarked on or before **September 7, 2026 and must comply with the requirements stated in paragraph 19 of the Preliminary Approval Order which can be found at <https://www.LongCountyFireFeesSettlement.com>.**

After the Settlement has been approved by the Court, if you still own the property for which a refund is determined to be owed, you will not be required to do anything to receive your refund. If you no longer own the property for which a refund is determined to be owed, after the Settlement has been approved by the Court, you will receive a Claim Form. The Claim Form will be sent to your current address or your last known address. If you receive a Claim Form you will need to complete and return it as instructed on the Claim Form in order to receive the refund.

If you are a member of the Class and have not yet received the Full Notice of this Settlement, or if you want more information regarding anything in the Publication Notice, you

may obtain such information by visiting <https://www.LongCountyFireFeesSettlement.com>, calling the Claims Administrator's office at (800) 345-0837, calling Class Counsel at (912) 638-5200, or writing Class Counsel at ROBERTS TATE, LLC, Post Office Box 21828, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522.

DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT, THE CLERK'S OFFICE, OR THE JUDGE REGARDING THIS NOTICE. THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.