

Steven Schreck v. Brooks County

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

TO: BROOKS COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS WHO OWN OR OWNED PROPERTY AND WERE ASSESSED AND PAID FIRE PROTECTION FEES (“FIRE FEES”) FOR 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, OR 2025, OR IF YOU PAID FIRE FEES ON SOMEONE ELSE’S BEHALF DURING THAT SAME PERIOD.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. A COURT AUTHORIZED THIS NOTICE.

A Settlement has been preliminarily approved by the Superior Court of Brooks County, Georgia in the class action lawsuit (the “Lawsuit”) listed above. If the Settlement is approved by the Court at or after the Fairness Hearing described below, the Total Cash Consideration of \$1,000,000.00 will be deposited into the Escrow Account (the “Total Cash Consideration”). Individual Class Member refunds will be calculated pursuant to the terms of the proposed settlement agreement (“Settlement Agreement”).

You are a member of the Class if you are or were an owner of property in Brooks County and were assessed and paid Fire Fees for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025.

A Final Approval Hearing will be held on August 18, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Brooks County Courthouse to determine among other things: (1) whether to finally certify the Settlement Classes; (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 Brooks County 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 Settlement Agreement.

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 postmarked on or before August 8, 2025 and must comply with the requirements stated in the Settlement Agreement, Section F which can be found at SchreckFireFeesSettlement.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 SchreckFireFeesSettlement.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.