

DRT INVESTMENTS, LLC V. EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WHO OWN OR OWNED PROPERTY AND WERE ASSESSED AND PAID FIRE FEES TO EMANUEL COUNTY ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 2020 THROUGH THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THE COURT'S ORDER AND JUDGMENT ("FIRE FEES") PER THE EMANUEL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES FEE RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 17, 2018.

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

A Settlement has been preliminarily approved by the Superior Court of Emanuel 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, Emanuel County has agreed to create an Aggregate Refund Fund in the amount of \$650,000.00. Individual Class Member refunds will be calculated pursuant to the terms of the Unopposed Judgment on Aggregate Refund Fund and Order (the "Judgment").

You are a member of the Class if you are or were an owner of property and paid Fire Fees to Emanuel County on or after April 3, 2020 through the date of Execution of the Court's Order and Judgment per The Emanuel County Fire Protection and Rescue Services Fee Resolution, adopted and effective September 17, 2018.

A Final Approval Hearing will be held on **November 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Emanuel 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; and (4) 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 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 postmarked on or before **October 21, 2025 and must comply with the requirements stated in the Judgment, Section F, which can be found at <https://www.emanuelco-ga.gov/494/Fire-Fee-Settlement-Webpage>.**

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.emanuelco-ga.gov/494/Fire-Fee-Settlement-Webpage>, 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.