

St. Louis County Circuit Court

Notice of Settlement of Claims

A court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- On July 26, 2019, we notified you that you were a class member in a certified class action lawsuit (14SL-CC04195) against the City of Ferguson in St. Louis County. In that lawsuit, the Plaintiff sued the City of Ferguson alleging that it charged illegal fees in violation of Missouri law.
- You are receiving this Notice because Plaintiffs and the City of Ferguson have decided to settle this matter without proceeding to trial.
- The Court did not decide in favor of Plaintiffs or the City of Ferguson. Instead, both sides agreed to a settlement. That way, they avoid the costs and risks of a trial, the people affected will receive up to an 80% refund for warrant fees and/or failure to appear fees that **they paid**, forgiveness for any warrant fees and/or failure to appear fees charged but **not paid**, and injunctive relief. The Class Representative and his attorneys think the settlement is best for everyone.
- **YOU WON'T RECEIVE A REFUND UNLESS YOU FILE A CLAIM FOR THAT REFUND WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, MAY 18, 2020.** To file a claim for a refund for the warrant fees and/or failure to appear fees you paid, visit the Settlement Website (www.fergusonfeeclassaction.com) to fill out the electronic claim form or call this number: 1-888-900-8779. It is a very quick process to file a claim.
- If you follow this procedure, you will receive a refund of up to 80% for each Warrant Fee and/or for each failure to appear fee you paid since December 9, 2009. You will receive a check by mail within 15 days if the settlement is finally approved by the Court on **May 6, 2020**. Ferguson has also agreed to forgive the need to pay warrant fees and/or failure to appear fees not yet paid. So, if you have not paid a warrant fee and/or failure to appear fee, but simply owe those fees, then those fees will be forgiven, and you will not have to pay them.
- You may also object to this settlement. To object, **YOU MUST ALSO FILE A CLAIM.** Details on that process are available below and on the website.
- **Any questions? Read on and visit www.fergusonfeeclassaction.com.**

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. What are the terms of settlement?

As a member of this class, you are entitled to a partial refund of 80% of any warrant fee and/or failure to appear fee you paid since December 9, 2009. If you have been charged a warrant fee and/or failure to appear fee, but have not paid it, then the amount in fees you owe since December 9, 2009, will be forgiven.

In addition to the monetary settlement, Ferguson has agreed not to charge any warrant fees or failure to appear fees, until 2022, unless specifically allowed under the law.

2. To obtain my refund, what do I need to do?

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To file a claim for a refund for the warrant fees and/or failure to appear fees **you paid**, visit the Settlement Website (www.fergusonfeeclassaction.com) to fill out the electronic claim form **or** call this number: 1-888-900-8779 WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, MAY 18, 2020.

It is a very quick process to file a claim. **REMEMBER**, if you do not file a claim within 45 days of this notice, **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE A REFUND.**

If you follow this procedure, you will receive a refund of up to 80% for each Warrant Fee and/or for each failure to appear fee **you paid** since December 9, 2009. You will receive a check by mail if the settlement is finally approved on May 6, 2020. Checks will be mailed within 15 days of that date.

3. To obtain forgiveness of the debt, what do I need to do?

Ferguson has also agreed to forgive the need to pay warrant fees and/or failure to appear fees **not yet paid.**

In order to obtain the credit for fees not paid, there is nothing that you need to do. Ferguson will automatically remove those fees from any balance that you may owe.

4. If I want to object to this settlement, what do I need to do?

Any Class Member who wishes to object to this settlement and/or who wishes to be heard orally at the Final Approval Hearing must file with the Court (and serve copies on Class Counsel and Defense Counsel) a written Notice of Objection and file a claim as described. In order for an objection to be valid, **YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM AND FOLLOW THE OBJECTION INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.**

Any Objection must be postmarked no later than **April 23, 2020.** The Objection shall be in writing, verified by sworn affidavit, and state the name, address and telephone number of the individual making the Objection, along with a detailed statement of each objection asserted, including the

legal and factual grounds for objection and reasons for appearing and being heard, and attach any documents the individual wishes to be considered in support of the objection

No objecting Class Member will be permitted to appear and object at the Final Approval Hearing unless he or she has timely filed the Objection with the Court (with service on Class Counsel and Defense Counsel), has timely filed a valid claim for a partial refund of Fees paid, and has filed a Notice of Intention to Appear with the Court.

Class Members or their attorneys intending to make an appearance at the Final Approval Hearing must, no later than five (5) days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, file with the Court and serve Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel with a Notice of Intention to Appear that (i) states how much time the Class Member and/or his/her attorney anticipates needing to present his or her objection, (ii) identifies by name, address, and telephone number the Class Member making the objection, and a summary of the testimony supporting the objection, (iii) identifies by name, address, and telephone number all witnesses the Class Member and/or his/her attorney intends to present testimony from, including a summary of the testimony, (iv) identifies all exhibits the Class Member and/or his/her attorney intends to offer in support of the objection(s) and attaches complete copies of all exhibits, and (v) contains the signature of the Class Member making the objection and a statement under penalty of perjury that the individual is a Class Member, i.e. that the individual paid a Fee during the relevant time period.

More information, including the class settlement documents and the preliminary approval of settlement are available at www.fergusonfeeclassaction.com.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

5. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court decided that the law firms of Campbell Law, LLC of St. Louis, Missouri, The Saint Louis University Law Clinic of St. Louis, Missouri, and ArchCity Defenders of St. Louis, Missouri, are qualified to represent you and all Class Members. Together the law firms are called "Class Counsel." As a result of this agreement, the attorneys in this case will request approximately 8% of the total settlement value in fees. The approval of fees is up to the court. The maximum fees requested are \$400,000. Attorneys will also seek their expenses which will be no more than \$20,000, and the class representative will receive \$5,000.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

6. Are more details available?

Visit the website, www.fergusonfeeclassaction.com, where you will find the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Agreement, as well as a Claim Form. You may also speak to one of the lawyers by calling 1-888-588-3043, or by calling the Settlement Administrator at 1-888-900-8779. You may also write to the Settlement Administrator by writing to: Ferguson Class Action, C/O Atticus Administration, P.O. Box 64053, Saint Paul, MN 55164.