

Old Town Trolley Tours of Savannah, Inc. v. Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

TO: SIGHTSEEING TOUR OPERATORS WHO OPERATED WITHIN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA AND PAID THE PRESERVATION FEE UNDER REVENUE ORDINANCE ARTICLE T.§3 ANY MONTH FROM AUGUST 28, 2015 THROUGH 2020 AND PARTICIPANTS OF SIGHTSEEING TOURS WITHIN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA FROM AUGUST 28, 2015 THROUGH 2020 THAT WERE CHARGED FOR THE PRESERVATION FEE UNDER REVENUE ORDINANCE ARTICLE T.§3 BY A TOUR OPERATOR.

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

A Settlement has been approved by the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia in the class action lawsuit (the “Lawsuit”) listed above. From this Settlement, the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah (the “City of Savannah”) has agreed to the create an Aggregate Refund Fund in the amount of \$2,750,000.00 (the “Aggregate Refund Fund”). Individual Class Member refunds will be calculated pursuant to the terms of the Amended Final Order and Judgment.

You are a member of the Class if you operated sightseeing tours within the Historic District of Savannah, Georgia and paid Preservation Fees in any month from August 28, 2015 through 2020 or if you participated in a sightseeing tour from August 28, 2020 through 2020 and were charged for the Preservation Fee by the Tour Operator.

A Final Approval Hearing was held on February 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Chatham County Courthouse before the Honorable Judge John E. Morse, Jr., Superior Court Judge for Chatham County, Georgia. Following this Final Approval Hearing, the Claims Administrator has worked to identify those who are entitled to the refund (“Class Members”) and calculated the refund amount owed to each (the “Presumptive Refund List”).

In order to be entitled to a refund, **a Tour Participant IS required to submit a Claim Form** and a receipt or other documentation reflecting the Tour Operator to whom the Preservation Fee was tendered. The documentation submitted by the Tour Participant must reflect the Preservation Fee was charged to the Tour Participant as a specific charge by the Tour Operator. A link to the Tour Participant Claim Form is [here](#).

Any Tour Operator not listed on the Presumption Refund List shall be entitled to submit a claim. A link for the Tour Operator Claim Form is [here](#).

The list of Class Members is published online at the following address: <https://www.savannahga.gov/PreservationFeeSettlement> (the “Settlement Webpage”).

Tour Participants and Tour Operators not on the Presumption Refund List shall have **45 days from publication of the Presumption Refund List on the Settlement Webpage to submit a claim.**

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.savannahga.gov/PreservationFeeSettlement>, 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.