

The Houser v. City of Billings Settlement

Important Additional Information

The Class Administrator made an unfortunate mistake when it mailed the postcard notices on April 19, 2023 to **Current Customer Class Members** and **Excluded Current Customers**. This letter is being sent to provide you with the correct information. The Class Administrator is mailing *Corrected Postcards* to **Current Customer Class Members** and **Excluded Current Customers**. The **Former Customer Class Members** were not affected by the mailing error and will not receive a Corrected Postcard.

Current Customer Class Members. **Current Customer Class Members** are people or entities who: (a) paid franchise fees in connection with water, wastewater, and/or solid waste disposal services between February 2, 2015 and June 30, 2018; and (b) are still customers of the Public Works Department of the City of Billings. Current Customer Class Members will receive a blue colored Corrected Postcard from the Class Administrator

Excluded Current Customers. **Excluded Current Customers** are people or entities who: (a) are current customers of the Public Works Department of the City of Billings; and (b) did not pay franchise fees in connection with water, wastewater, and/or solid waste disposal services between February 2, 2015 and June 30, 2018. Excluded customers are primarily people or entities who first initiated service with the Public Works Department after June 30, 2018 and thus did not pay franchise fees. The Excluded Current Customers will receive a cherry colored Corrected Postcard from the Class Administrator.

Settlement Payments.

Current Customer Class Members. If you receive a blue **Corrected Postcard** from the Class Administrator stating that you are a **Current Customer Class Member**, then you do not have to do anything. A portion of the Settlement will be rebated by the Public Works Department to Current Customer Class Members through a one-time credit on your Public Works invoice. You will be paid through the Rebate Fund.

Excluded Current Customers. If you receive a cherry **Corrected Postcard** from the Class Administrator stating that you are an **Excluded Current Customer**, you will not receive a Settlement payment or Rebate from the Public Works Department. If you paid franchise fees between February 2, 2015 and June 30, 2018 in connection with water, wastewater, and/or solid waste disposal services, then you must file a **Claim Form** with the Class Administrator postmarked on or before **August 31, 2023**. The Claim Form will be attached to the cherry postcard with pre-paid postage that you can return by mail, or a Claim Form is available to print off on the Settlement website. A mailed copy of the Claim Form may also be requested from the Settlement Administrator by calling toll-free at (833) 513-0862. **Excluded Current Customers** who file Allowed Claim Forms will be paid by the Class Administrator from the Claim Fund.

Former Customer Class Member. If you received a postcard from the Class Administrator identifying you as a Former Customer Class Member, and you paid franchise fees between February 2, 2015 and June 30, 2018 in connection with water, wastewater, and/or solid waste disposal services, then you must file a Claim Form with the Class Administrator postmarked on or before August 31, 2023. The Claim Form was attached to the white postcard that was mailed on April 19, 2023, with pre-paid postage that you can return by mail, or a Claim Form is available to print off on the Settlement website. A mailed copy of the Claim Form may also be requested from the Settlement Administrator by calling toll-free at (833) 513-0862. Former Customer Class Members who file Allowed Claim Forms will be paid by the Class Administrator from the Claim Fund.

The Settlement Website: More Information.

More information is available on the Settlement Website. The Notice of Class Action Settlement provides additional information on the Settlement and how the Settlement Amount will be distributed. See: <https://www.cityofbillingsfranchisefeessettlement.com/>

Questions.

If you cannot determine whether you are a **Current Customer Class Member**, an **Excluded Current Customer**, or a **Former Customer Class Member**, you may contact the Class Administrator for clarification. Please do not contact the Court.

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Problems or Concerns.

The Court has appointed Matthew G. Monforton as Class Counsel. If you have any problems or concerns, you may reach out to Class Counsel:

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