

LEGAL NOTICE

Sheila Linderman, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
Consolidated Case No. BC650785

YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS POSTCARD BECAUSE YOU PAID AN INITIATING OR RENEWAL FEE FOR AN ALARM PERMIT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FROM AUGUST 15, 2015 TO OCTOBER 1, 2019.

Why did I get this notice? You received a notice because a Settlement has been reached in this Action. According to the City's records you are a member of the Settlement Class and eligible for the relief detailed below. All individuals who receive this notice have been deemed by the Parties to be a "Class Member." The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the Action and the Settlement so that you may decide what steps to take in relation to it.

What is the Action about? Plaintiffs Sheila Linderman and Charles Mayrsohn ("Representative Plaintiffs") filed a lawsuit against the City on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated. The lawsuit alleges the City overcharged individuals for the initiation and renewals of alarm permit fees in violation of various statutes and the California Constitution.

The City denies each and every one of the allegations of unlawful conduct, any wrongdoing, and any liability whatsoever, and no court or other entity has made any judgment or other determination of any liability. The City further denies that any Class Member is entitled to any relief and, other than for settlement purposes, that this Action is appropriate for certification as a class action.

Why Am I a Class Member? Our records show that you, between August 15, 2015 and October 1, 2019, paid an Alarm Permit Fee under LAMC Section 103.12 to the City. Specifically excluded from the Class are: (a) council members of the City, the mayor of the City, and Commissioners of the City's Police Commission; (b) any judge assigned to hear this Action; (c) and persons or entities who properly exclude themselves from the Class as provided in this Agreement and are not Class Members.

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No court has decided which side is right. But both sides agreed to provide benefits to Class Members and resolve the case.

What relief does the Settlement provide? Under the Agreement, the City has agreed to provide Class Members with a one-time, non-transferable Fee Adjustment Credit toward the Annual Renewal Fee for an Alarm System permit issued for the 2021 calendar year. It is estimated that the Fee Adjustment Credit will be approximately \$12.00 per Class Member; however, this amount may increase or decrease, on a *pro rata* basis, based on a number of factors that have yet to be determined; mainly, the Court's award of attorneys' fees, costs, and service awards to Plaintiffs and Class Counsel and the administration expenses of the Settlement Administrator. The Agreement also provides prospective relief to the Class through a prospective Reduced Alarm Permit Fee for Alarm System permits issued for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 calendar years. The Reduced Alarm Permit Fee would be Five Dollars (\$5.00) less than the existing Alarm Permit Fee charged by the City for an Alarm System permit.

What are my other options? If you don't want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you shall exclude yourself by December 20, 2019, or you won't ever be able to sue the City about the legal claims in the Action ever again. If you exclude yourself, you cannot receive a benefit from this Settlement. If you stay in the Settlement, you may object to it by December 20, 2019. The detailed notice, available at www.CityofLAAlarmPermitSettlement.com, explains how to request exclusion or object. The Court will hold a hearing on February 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM to consider whether to approve the Settlement and a request by the lawyers representing all Class Members (Stonebarger Law APC and Kearney Littlefield, LLP) for an award of up to \$991,667.00 in attorneys' fees and no more than \$40,000.00 in costs, and for the Class Representatives' request for a service award of up to \$5,000 each for their services. You may appear at the hearing, but you don't have to.

What am I giving up if I stay in the Class? If the Court approves the proposed Settlement, unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement, all Class Members will be legally bound by the Settlement and will release claims against the City relating to the payment of the Alarm Permit Fee under LAMC Section 103.12. This generally means that you will not be able to file a lawsuit, continue prosecuting a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against the City regarding the claims in the Action. The Settlement Agreement, available on the Internet at the website www.CityofLAAlarmPermitSettlement.com, contains the full terms of the release.

Fairness Hearing. A Final Fairness Hearing will be held on February 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM before the Honorable Amy D. Hogue in Department 7 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, Spring Street Courthouse, located at 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, to determine whether the Settlement Agreement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate.

More information? For complete information about the Settlement, to view the Settlement Agreement, related Court documents, and to learn more about how to exercise your various options under the Settlement, visit www.CityofLAAlarmPermitSettlement.com. You may also call the Settlement Administrator at 844-908-0536, or write them at info@CityofLAAlarmPermitSettlement.com or the postal address at *Linderman v. City of Los Angeles*, c/o JND Legal Administration, PO Box 91341, Seattle, WA 98111.