

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In re: Maag Holdings, LLC v. City of Wood River, No. 18-L-1039

A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit against City of Wood River. The lawsuit alleges that City of Wood River, unlawfully liened property in Wood River with grass cutting liens without personally serving or serving by certified mail said liens. City of Wood River denies the allegations in this lawsuit and asserts it has not violated any laws.

What Does the Settlement Provide?

Under the terms of the settlement, all persons in Illinois from 08/13/18 until Final Judgment was a property owner with a grass cutting lien on his/her property that was not served by certified mail or personally, will have said lien served in accordance with state law on them. The settlement provides that \$5,000 will be paid by City of Wood River to cover attorney's fees, costs of suit, class notice and class administration costs for Maag Holdings, LLC to ensure compliance with state law as aforesaid.

What Are Your Options?

If you don't want to be legally bound by the settlement, and want to preserve any purported claim you may have against City of Wood River, you must exclude yourself ("opt out") by 11-5-21. The Court will exclude anyone from the class if they so request by the aforementioned deadline. If you exclude yourself, you will not be bound by the settlement and may be able to sue City of Wood River regarding the claims in this lawsuit. Any request to be excluded or opt out of this settlement must be filed with the Clerk of Court and served upon counsel for Plaintiff and Defendants no later than 11-5-21, 2021. Any person that does not timely file a request to be excluded or opt out shall be bound by this settlement. If you decide to opt out, check opt out and sign and date the bottom of this form and file/serve this document as directed herein. You will not be required to attend court if you opt out.

If you are a Class Member, you may object to any part of the settlement you don't like, and the Court will consider your views. You must submit an objection in writing and must provide evidence of your membership in the Class. Written objections must be filed with the Clerk of Court, and served upon counsel for Plaintiff and Defendant no later than 11-5-21, 2021.

The Court will hold a final fairness hearing on 11-19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville, Illinois. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and whether to approve the attorney's fees and expenses referenced above, and the settlement generally. You may attend the hearing, and you may hire your own lawyer, but you are not required to do so. Any and all objections to this settlement will be heard at that time, along with any and all other motions then on file. Any objector must be present, either in person or through counsel, at the hearing, otherwise the court will treat the objection as abandoned and waived. The Court will only hear persons who have made prior written requests to speak at the hearing. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the settlement.

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