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MARY PEEK, BELINDA BLANDING, THOMAS DEFERRO, DONALD ALEXANDER and DARLENE M. HUGHES on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, Plaintiff, v. BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, NEW JERSEY; GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY; VOORHEES TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, NEW JERSEY; and BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR, NEW JERSEY, Defendants.	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION CAMDEN COUNTY DOCKET NUMBER: CAM-L-2419-24

ORDER GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL
TO CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND RELATED RELIEF

AND NOW, this 2nd day of November, 2026, upon consideration of Plaintiffs' unopposed motion to grant final approval to the proposed class action settlement and for related relief, following briefing and a public fairness hearing on November 2, 2026, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. This action is appropriately treated for settlement purposes as a class action under R. 4:32-1 and R. 4:32-2. The settlement class as defined in the Court's prior Order of August 14, 2026 is hereby permanently certified because:

a. the settlement class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable;

b. there are questions of law or fact common to the settlement class;

c. the claims or defenses of the representative parties are typical of the claims or defenses of the settlement class;

d. the representative party will fairly and adequately assert and protect the interests of the settlement class;

e. the questions of law or fact common to the members of the class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members; and

f. a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

The Court therefore determines that this action satisfies the prerequisites for class certification set forth in Rule 4:32-1(b).

1. The Class has been given notice of the proposed class action settlement consistent with the New Jersey Court Rules and Due Process, in accordance with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order dated August 14, 2026. Such notice has been provided in an adequate and sufficient manner, constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and satisfies the requirements of due process. The notice apprised the members of the settlement class of the pendency of the litigation, of all material elements of the proposed settlement, of the *res judicata* effect on the members of the settlement class, and of their opportunity to opt out of the settlement, to comment on and object to the settlement, and to appear at the Fairness Hearing. Full opportunity has been afforded to the members of the settlement class to participate in the Fairness Hearing.

2. The Settlement Agreement was arrived at as a result of arm's-length negotiations conducted in good faith by counsel for the parties, and is supported by the class representatives and by the majority of the members of the settlement class.

3. The settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the members of the Class in light of the complexity, expense, and likely duration of litigation and the risks involved in establishing liability, damages, and in maintaining the class action through trial and appeal.

4. The relief provided under the Settlement Agreement constitutes fair value given in exchange for the releases of the Settled Claims against the Released Parties.

5. Plaintiffs' motion for final approval of the class settlement and related relief is GRANTED.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

A. The Court grants final approval to the proposed class action Settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, as agreed to by all parties and counsel and approved by the Court.

B. This action is finally certified for settlement purposes as a class action on behalf of an omnibus Settlement Class defined as follows:

> **All Persons or entities who, between June 25, 2018 and January 18, 2022, either paid and/or were caused to reimburse monies as registration fees for the Vacant Properties Registration Program in any of the following municipalities: Borough of Runnemede, Borough of Bellmawr, Borough of Barrington, Gloucester Township or Voorhees Township, excluding any such persons or entities who paid VPRP registration fees, but were subsequently reimbursed for those fees.**

C. Pursuant to the settlement, the Complaint is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. All claims of Plaintiffs and Class Members against Defendants which arise from the claims and facts pleaded in the Complaint are DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE and deemed released to the extent specified in the Settlement Agreement.

D. Class counsel's Petition for Fees and Costs is GRANTED. The Court finds that the requested $250,000 for combined attorneys' fees and costs is reasonable, appropriate, and

well within the typical range of attorneys' fees awarded in a class action. Accordingly, the combined award of attorneys' fees and costs to Class counsel in the amount of $250,000 is approved and is to be paid in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

E. The request for an incentive award of $5,000.00 to the named Plaintiffs is approved and is to be paid in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

F. Without affecting the finality of this Final Approval Order in any way, the Court retains jurisdiction over (1) implementation and enforcement of the Settlement Agreement until the parties have performed the required actions thereunder; (2) any other action necessary to conclude this Settlement or to implement the Settlement Agreement; and (3) the enforcement, construction and interpretation of the Agreement.

SO ORDERED.

A COPY OF THIS ORDER SHALL BE SERVED ON ALL PARTIES WITHIN 7 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER

HON. MICHAEL E. JOYCE, J.S.C.

"Reasons Set Forth on Record"