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 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 PRELIMINARY, NON-BINDING APPROVAL TO PROPOSED
 CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, APPROVING FORM OF CLASS SETTLEMENT
 NOTICE AND NOTICE DISTRIBUTION PLAN, AND
SCHEDULING A DATE FOR THE FORMAL PUBLIC FAIRNESS HEARING**

This matter having come before the Court upon an unopposed motion by Plaintiffs under R. 4:32-2(e) for preliminary, non-binding approval of a proposed class action settlement, court approval of a proposed form of class settlement notice and a plan of notice distribution and publication, and setting a hearing date for the formal public fairness hearing on whether to grant final approval to the proposed class settlement, and the Court having considered the plaintiffs' unopposed motion papers, and for good cause shown;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this 14 day of August 2026 as follows:

1. The Court grants preliminary, non-binding approval of the proposed class action settlement;
2. This matter shall preliminarily proceed as a class action with the 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.

3. The Court preliminarily appoints Plaintiffs Mary Peek, Brenda Blanding, Thomas Deferro, Donald Alexander and Darlene M. Hughes as the named Class Representatives and preliminarily appoints Stephen DeNittis of DeNittis Osefchen Prince, P.C. and Michael Galpern of Javerbaum, Wurgaft, Hicks, Kahn, Wikstrom & Sinins, P.C. as Class Co-Counsel.
4. It is apparent from the file and presentation of counsel that the proposed Settlement Class meets the requirements of New Jersey Rule of Court 4:32-1 such that Class Notice should be provided.
5. The proposed form of Class Notice and Claim Forms submitted by Plaintiffs' counsel are hereby approved for distribution to the class. See Exhibits A and B to the Settlement Agreement.
6. The Court directs that the approved form of Class Notice shall be distributed to the class thirty (30) days following entry of this Order ("Notice Date") via First Class Mail. A special website for the proposed settlement will be also established on which will be posted the approved form of settlement notice and a copy of the approved claim form; and Class Counsel will also post the approved form of notice and claim form on their firm website, along with any updates about the settlement process and final fairness hearing.

7. Any objections to the proposed class settlement, or requests for exclusion from the class, must be submitted to the Clerk, post-marked no later than forty-five (45) days after the Notice Date.

8. Pursuant to R. 4:32-2(e)(1)(C), a formal, public fairness hearing on whether to grant final, binding approval to the proposed class action settlement shall be held on 11/2/2026, 2026 (suggested date of October 28, 2026 which is at least 60 days from the date of the Preliminary Approval Order) at the Camden County Courthouse, 101 South Fifth Street, Camden, NJ 08103, Courtroom 33 at 1:30 PM

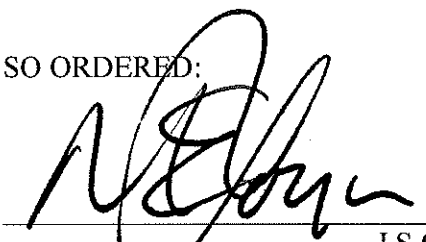
9. Any memoranda of law or other documents in support of final approval of the proposed class settlement, copies of any objections or requests from exclusion that have been submitted to class counsel or defense counsel, and an affidavit attesting that class notice has been distributed in a manner consistent with this Order, must be submitted to the Court no later than 10 days prior to the hearing on final approval.

10. In the event that the proposed settlement as provided in the Settlement Agreement is not granted final approval by the Court, then the Settlement Agreement, and all drafts, negotiations, discussions and documentation related thereto and orders entered by the Court in connection therewith shall become null and void. In such event the Agreement and all negotiations and proceedings related thereto shall be withdrawn without prejudice to the rights of any and all parties thereto, who shall be restored to their respective positions as of the date of the execution of the Agreement.

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

☐ Opposed
☒ Unopposed

SO ORDERED:


_____, J.S.C.
Michael E. Joyce, JSC