

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**DISCOUNT SLEEP OF OCALA, LLC et
al,**

Case No.: 2014 CA 000426

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF OCALA, FLORIDA,

Defendant.

**Notice of Final Hearing to Disburse Refunds, Attorneys' Fees, Costs
and Class Representative Service Awards**

You have received this notice because you are a class member in this case and you paid the City of Ocala ("City") the illegal tax it charged you on your utility bill. The City imposed the illegal tax on its in-city utility customers from February 20, 2010, through July 21, 2020. Under the law, the amount of the illegal tax the City collected will be refunded by the City directly to each class member, less attorneys' fees, costs, and service awards for the class representatives, in an amount determined by the Court.

On May 10, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 3A of the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 N.W. First Avenue, Ocala, Florida, the Court will hold a final hearing on Plaintiffs' request for disbursement of the \$79,282,909.44 common fund as follows: \$6,649,681.08 to Class Counsel to pay \$6,480,957.75 in attorneys' fees, to reimburse Class Counsel for \$68,723.33 in non-taxable costs, to pay each class representative \$50,000.00, and \$72,633,228.36 to pay for direct refunds (over 91%) to each class member as ordered by the Court. If the common fund is not depleted after the expiration period as ordered by the Court, Plaintiffs' counsel may request disbursement of additional attorneys' fees and costs in an amount determined by the Court which shall not to exceed \$100,000.00.

You have the right to object to any of the above requested disbursements. You also have the right to be heard at this hearing provided you file with the court, at least 20 days before the hearing, a document stating your name, the nature of the statements you intend to make to the Court and, if you object, your specific objection to the proposed disbursements ("Statement"). A copy of Plaintiffs' motion requesting the disbursements was filed on December 31, 2021, and can be accessed at <https://www.civitekflorida.com/ocrs/county/42/disclaimer.xhtml> under the tab "case search" by entering the year the case was filed, 2014, Circuit Civil, and the case number, 000426. If you have any questions, do not contact the Court. This hearing on May 10, 2022, will be the final opportunity for you to be heard on this matter. If you do not file your Statement at least 20 days before the hearing, you will not have an opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

BY ORDER of the Marion County Circuit Court.