

Atlanta Council Votes to Pay \$19 Million to Settle Trash Collection Lawsuit

“The city of Atlanta has agreed to pay \$19 million to settle a lawsuit from condominium owners seeking relief from annual garbage fees. In a resolution approved by the City Council on Monday, the city’s chief financial officer will deposit the money into an escrow account to refund,” reports Wilborn P. Nobles in The Atlanta Journal Constitution.

“The city’s annual frontage fees for trash pick up and street sweeping increased to a range of \$500 to \$12,000 per property for commercial or multi-family developments, according to the complaint filed in Fulton Superior Court in February. But the lawsuit alleges Atlanta’s frontage fee is an illegal tax, rather than a reasonable fee for any solid.”

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