

If you maintained a place of business or charitable organization within the one-mile evacuation zone of the Winston Weaver facility on January 31, 2022, and sustained economic and/or nuisance-related damages caused by the fire and evacuation, excluding personal injury, a class action lawsuit may affect your rights.

*A Court has authorized this notice. This is **not** a solicitation from a lawyer.*

A class action lawsuit known as *Thomas et al. v. Winston Weaver Co. Inc.*, Case Nos. 22 CVS 929, and 22 CVS 683 is pending in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, in the State of North Carolina, Forsyth County against Winston Weaver Co., Inc. (“Defendant”) arising out of an evacuation as a result of a fire. The lawsuit alleges damages resulting from Defendant’s negligence, negligence per se, gross negligence, private nuisance, and/or public nuisance which proximately caused the fire and subsequent evacuation. Defendant denies the legal claims in the lawsuit and the Court has not decided who is right or wrong. However, if you are a member of the class, your legal rights are affected, and you have a choice to make now.

Who is part of the Class? You are a member of the class if you maintained a place of business or charitable organization within the one-mile evacuation zone of the Winston Weaver facility on January 31, 2022, and sustained economic and/or nuisance-related damages caused by the fire and evacuation, excluding damages arising from personal injury.

Recently, notice was provided because a Settlement was reached for “natural persons” (individual people) in the Class. That Settlement did not include businesses or charitable organizations.

What are my options? If you are a class member, you must choose whether or not to stay in the class. If you stay in the class, you will be notified later if money or other benefits become available and you are eligible. You will be bound by all orders and judgments of the Court, whether favorable or not, and you will not be able to sue the Defendant for the legal claims at issue in this lawsuit. If you want to stay in the class, you do not have to do anything now. To exclude yourself from the class, you must mail a written request for exclusion, postmarked by **November 17, 2025**. The Long Form Notice, available at the website, has more information on how to request to be excluded. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get any money or benefits for your businesses or charitable organization from this lawsuit if they become available, but you will not be bound by any orders or judgments in this lawsuit.

The Trial. Plaintiffs will have to prove their legal claims at a trial. The trial has been scheduled for January 21, 2026. There is no guarantee that the Plaintiffs will win, or that they will get any money for the class. Class Counsel will present the case for Plaintiffs and the class, and lawyers for Defendant will present on their behalf. You or your lawyer may attend the trial at your own expense, but you do not have to. If Class Counsel gets money or benefits for the class, they may ask the Court for an award of attorneys’ fees and expenses. If granted by the Court, their fees and expenses will be deducted from any money obtained for the class or paid separately by the Defendant.

This notice is a summary. Learn more at www.WinstonWeaverClassAction.com, or call toll-free 1-877-960-3108.

