

CANEBRAKE FIRE DISTRICT  
100 HILLSIDE CHURCH ROAD  
FOUNTAIN INN, SC 29644-9111  
864-862-1100  
June 11, 2012

Greenville County Council  
301 University Ridge (County Square)  
Greenville, SC 29601-3636

Attn. John Hensley/Greenville County Council

Sirs:

The Canebrake Board of Fire Control respectfully requests a millage increase of 4.93%. This will effectively raise our millage rate from 17.1 mills to 17.94 mills.

The basic reason for the increase is to provide funding for additional paid staff in the future. We have just received results of our ISO evaluation from several months ago. The bottom line is Canebrake Fire District will never be able to provide a better rating than our just assigned "5" until we have additional paid firemen. Although our evaluation resulted in a rating of "3" in several areas, our lack of permanent firemen resulted in an overall rating of "5".

In addition to being a Fire Department, we have for many years provided a permanent facility for EMS to operate a "base station". Our volunteers on a weekly basis provide support services for EMS that would have to come from Greenville proper without our help.

Our fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

For fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2010 our budget was \$216,320.00 with income of \$199,334.02.

For fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2011 our budget was \$218,500.00 with income of \$213,534.19.

For fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2012 our budget was \$221,620 with income of (yet to be determined)

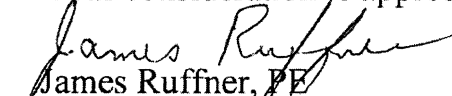
For fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2013 our current budget is \$227,920 this is based on present millage rate.

As seen by the above figures, our income has not matched our budget. Therefore, in each of the above years the expenditures were adjusted to accommodate the income.

Presently we have all the equipment and accessories that are needed to provide the myriad of services in the district. Our almost new pumper will be paid off early next year.

Our objective is to add two additional paid firemen just as soon as finances permit. We currently have several individuals on a 'waiting list' that are willing to serve at compensation considerably below normal standards. In round numbers this will require an increase in our budget of \$55,000-\$60,000.

Your consideration is appreciated.

  
James Ruffner, PE

Chairman of Board of Fire Control

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June 4, 2012

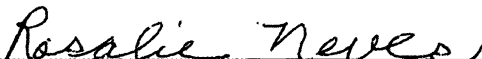
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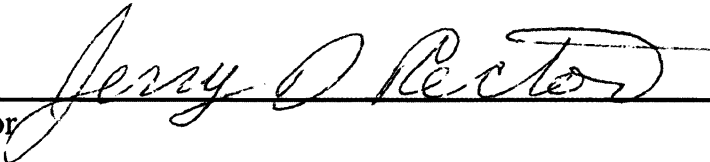
Sirs:

We the undersigned members of the Board of Fire Control for Canebrake Fire District do hereby authorize our Chairman James (Jim) Ruffner to request a millage increase on our behalf.

  
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Leonard Smith

  
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Rosalie Neves

  
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Russell Davis

  
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Jerry Rector

**CANEBRAKE FIRSTDISTRICT  
100 HILLSIDE CHURCH ROAD  
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April 16, 2012

Mr. Scott Case  
Greenville County Auditor  
301 University Ridge  
Suite 800  
Greenville County Square  
Greenville, SC 29601

Dear Sir:

This letter is on behalf of the Board of Fire Control of Canebrake Fire District. The Board vote 5 yea to 0 nay for requesting a millage increase during our scheduled meeting on April 13, 2012. We are requesting the maximum increase because of the need to replace volunteer staff (this staff has been volunteering since conception of the district) with paid staff.

This increase is also necessitated by greatly increased operating expenses.

Regards,

*James M. Ruffner*

James M. Ruffner, PE  
Chairman- Board of Fire Control  
Canebrake Fire District

Ps. your acknowledgement will be appreciated.