



## Fire District Millage Request Application

### Contact Information

District Name: Tigerville State FDID Number 23230  
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### Financial Operations

**Please Check One of the Following Options:**

- Our district is seeking to maintain our current millage rate  
 Our district is seeking a millage rate increase  
 Our district is seeking bond approval

FD Annual Budget \$312,907.59 Value of One Mill \$12,375  
FD Current Millage Rate 22.8 Value of Total Millage \$282,150.00  
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) \$256,075.70 Regular / \$29,274.87 Delinquent / \$285,350.57 Total  
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) \$45557.50  
Number of Paid Firefighters 4 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 27

**For the following financial measurements, please provide a dollar amount.  
(Any additional pertinent information can be detailed in an attached sheet.)**

Debt Service \$1975.00  
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses \$312,907.59  
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings \$10,012.82  
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? 2009  
Was your request granted? YES

If so, please detail your accomplishments with the additional revenue? (You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

The millage increase was included with a bond approved in 2010, and with that bond it has allowed Tigerville Fire Department to refinance its debt services at much lower interest rates saving the tax payers money in the long run. In addition much needed equipment and vehicle upgrades were completed. With these improvements Tigerville has also made dramatic changes to its operations to drive the department to a more objective oriented operation. Further enforcing our focus and dedication to serving our community to the best of our abilities while striving to lower our ISO rating.

**Performance Data**

ISO Rating _____ 6 _____	Year Rating Received _____ 2010 _____
Population Served (daytime) _____ 7035 _____	Population Served (nighttime) _____ 5935 _____
Number of Households _____ 1334 _____	Number of Businesses _____ 26 _____
Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) _____ 292 _____	
Number of Structure Fires _____ 10 _____	Number of MVA's _____ 35 _____
Number of Medical Calls _____ 172 _____	Number of Brush Fires _____ 11 _____
Number of Vehicle Fires _____ 3 _____	Number of Mutual Aid Calls _____ 5 _____

*For the following questions, please circle or highlight "Y" for Yes or "N" for No. (Any additional pertinent information may be provided in a separate sheet.)*

- Is your district registered with the State Firefighter Mobilization? Y / N
- Does your district participate in the South Carolina Fire Incident Reporting System? Y / N
- Is your district in compliance with the SC Firefighter Registration Act? Y / N
- Does your district meet requirements of OSHA Standard 1910.30 for Infectious Disease Control? Y / N
- Does your district perform annual SCBA fit testing on all active personnel? Y / N
- Do your district's firefighters meet minimum OSHA training requirements? Y / N
- Does your district perform annual testing on all ground and aerial ladders to meet NFPA standard? Y / N
- Does your district meet all NIMS requirements? Y / N
- Does your district have a fire prevention program? Y / N
- Does your district have a Fire Safety inspection program? Y / N
- Does your district have a pre-fire plan program? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum hose testing requirements? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum pump testing requirements? Y / N
- Does your department meet minimum apparatus requirements? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum equipment on apparatus requirements? Y / N
- Does your district have a preventive maintenance program for your apparatus? Y / N
- Does your district provide physicals to all members? Y / N
- Do all of your members meet the minimum training requirements for their specific job titles? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum communication requirements? Y / N
- Does your district meet Narrow Band Requirements? Y / N
- Does your district house an EMS vehicle? Y / N

*For the following questions, please provide the more detailed information necessary to understand the complexities for your district. You may attach separate sheets as necessary to fully answer the questions.*

1. Please describe any businesses or structures which require special equipment or represent potentially dangerous calls.

In Tigerville Fire district we have 2 Elementary schools and a University. All three of these represent an equal potential for dangerous calls, as they are the most densely populated areas in our district. While the Elementary schools are under normal grade school hours the University houses students year around. With an average daily population of 2500 people including staff we find ourselves responsible for them in all aspects of the daily activities both on campus and off.

2. Please list any mutual aid agreements or operational or resource sharing agreements your district participates in with other fire districts.

Tigerville Fire Department is a member of the Greenville county wide mutual aid agreement. Tigerville has also entered into automatic aid agreements with Glassy Mountain Fire Department, Lake Cunningham Fire Department, and Slater Marietta Fire Department in order to increase fire protection response to our community and theirs while also aiding in decreasing ISO ratings.

3. Please describe how, if at all, the requested millage increase will impact your district's ISO ratings.

Given we have requested to be placed on the schedule for a new ISO rating review we are confident with the changes implemented over the past four years that we have lowered our current rating, and with this millage increase it would aid us in our continuing effort to not only maintain our current rating but look to continuously improve our services to our community.

4. Please describe the tax-exempt properties in your district and the services you provide to these entities.

Tigerville fire Department covers the following:

North Greenville University: We provide fire protection, Medical First Response and Rescue, Fire Prevention classes, Fire Inspection services and Assist in Building Code Enforcement.

Mountain View Elementary school: We provide fire protection, Medical First Response and Rescue, Fire Prevention classes

Tigerville Elementary School: We provide fire protection, Medical First Response and Rescue, Fire Prevention classes

12 Tax Exempt Churches: We provide fire protection, Medical First Response and Rescue, Fire Inspection services and Assist in Building Code Enforcement.

Please assign a priority rating to your millage increase request from the following options: \_\_\_\_\_ **Priority 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Priority 1:** Without the increase, we cannot continue to provide the level of service that we are giving currently. Our ISO ratings could be affected negatively. The need is dire.

**Priority 2:** Without the increase, we cannot purchase needed equipment to improve the level of service we are currently giving. ISO ratings may or may not be improved. This priority level also allows for needed specialty equipment to be acquired.

**Priority 3:** Without the increase, we can continue to provide excellent service to our district, but the increase will allow us to improve our operation in an exemplary way. ISO ratings may potentially be improved.

Opportunity for Council person(s) statement:

I, Joseph Powell, County Council representative to this fire district, **Support** / Do Not Support this request.

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Please include with your application the following documents:

- A formal letter from the Commission stating the intentions to either maintain or increase millage;
- Last year's financial audit;
- A five-year plan (spreadsheet) showing projected revenues as well as operating and capital expenditures;
- Any background information necessary to justify the need of a millage increase; and
- A signed resolution from the governing body approving the operating/capital plan and millage increase.

All applications should be mailed or emailed to:  
Greenville County Finance Committee  
Attn: John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator  
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601

or

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