

Mr. John F. Hansley
Deputy County Administrator
County of Greenville
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400
Greenville, SC 29601

Dear Mr. Hansley:

The Brookfield Tax District respectfully requests that Greenville County Council adopt a resolution increasing the current District millage from 8.3 mills to 10.3 mills. This is due to increasing expenses in recent years, with no change in the services we provide. In particular, expenses for landscaping increased significantly last year as the monthly maintenance fee increased from \$690 to \$800 (an increase of \$1300 a year). Also, expenses related to repairs and maintenance of the aging common areas have increased. We expect to need funds for lighting repairs and signage repairs in the near future.

Although we maintain a modest reserve fund against the need for emergency repairs, there have been major expenses which have significantly lowered this fund in recent years. These include \$5,000 in 2014 for repaving of the parking lot and a net of about \$4,000 in extra landscaping expenses in 2015 in order to remove dead trees around the parking lot, spread a greater amount of mulch and install new trees/shrubs.

A public meeting was held on October 6, 2016 to discuss the proposed millage increase. Although it was well-publicized, only five members of the public attended – which we take to be a tacit endorsement. At the meeting, financial reports and projections were reviewed. No members of the public objected. The motion to request a 2 mill increase was approved by the five Brookfield Tax District Commissioners unanimously.

The last request for a millage increase for the Brookfield Tax District, which occurred in 2011, was for 2 mills but resulted in only a 0.5 mill increase due to that being a reassessment year. Attached are financial reports and financial projections for the next few years. Thank you for your assistance, and please let us know if further information is needed.

I have a schedule conflict with the next County Finance Committee meeting, but Chad Carlson will represent the District.

Sincerely,

Brookfield Tax District Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay C. Sinnett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

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