

# *South Greenville Fire District*

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*Chief*



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Greenville County Council  
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## **RE: SOUTH GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT**

Honorable Chairman Kirven, Vice Chairman Meadows and Greenville County Council:

The South Greenville Area Fire District, South Carolina (the "District") was created and established as a body politic and corporate, pursuant to Act No. 67 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1965, as amended. The District is located wholly in the County and was established for the purpose of providing fire protection services within the District.

The Greenville County (the "County") Council (the "Council"), as the governing body of the County, is empowered by Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Enabling Act") to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act.

Pursuant to the Enabling Act, the District Board of Fire Control (the "Board") hereby petitions the Council to approve a public hearing and approve the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 (the "2018 Bonds"). The proposed Bonds will be used for (i) the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of a new fire sub-station and a new training facility; (ii) the renovation and construction to the District's existing headquarter facility; and (iii) the acquisition of two fire trucks and various items of equipment for the District (collectively, the "Improvements"); and (iv) to current refund all or a portion of the outstanding maturities of its General Obligation Bond, Series 2006 (the "2006 Bond"). Additionally, the District believes that its current ISO may be improved with the addition of a training facility.

The District's readiness and training meets a high standard for fire service provision, and we currently maintain an ISO rating of 2/2Y. The District continues to find the most cost-effective solutions to provide for increasing operational costs, replacing outmoded equipment, and providing additional facilities. FY2017 - 2018 operational, capital and debt service expenditures are projected at approximately \$4.3 million.

The current millage for the District is 37.8 mils for operations and 1.5 mils for debt service. The current millage levels are sufficient for the proposed project, so ***no millage increase is being requested at this time.***

South Greenville Fire District 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669 (864) 243-5650

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We would like to make you aware of the following:

- The District covers approximately 143 square miles and is staffed by 59 paid firefighters and two administrative / five communication professionals. The District serves an approximate daytime / nighttime population of 75,000 and 60,000 respectively. This population includes approximately 30,000 households and 244 businesses.
- The District maintains Standard Operating Procedures & Guidelines, which also include Procurement, Accounting, Financial Management, Reimbursement and Bond Compliance Policies.
- The *most important reason* for these improvements is to improve upon the services that we provide our citizens.

Attached you will find a Five-Year Revenue and Expenditure Projection; the Petition Resolution and Petition; the Resolution adopted by the District in support of the Revenue and Expenditure Projections; and the Fire District Millage Request Application (no millage increase requested). Please review the attached information and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your continued support and consideration for the District.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Taylor', written in a cursive style.

Ken Taylor  
Chief

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Attachments



## Fire District Millage Request Application

### Contact Information

District Name: South Greenville Fire District State FDID Number 23324  
Fire Chief's Name Ken Taylor Email: ktaylor@sgfdfire.com  
Mailing Address 8305 Augusta Road City, State, Zip Pelzer, SC 29669  
Contact Person's Name: Ken Taylor Email: ktaylor@sgfdfire.com  
Address: 8305 Augusta Road City, State, Zip Pelzer, SC 29669  
Phone: 864-243-5650 Fax: 864-243-5656

### 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, lease purchase transaction approval

FD Annual Budget \$4,006,820.58 Value of One Mill \$87,820  
FD Current Millage Rate 37.8 Operating / 1.5 DS Value of Total Millage \$3,319,601.53  
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) (2016-2017) \$4,128,815.99  
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) \$55,787.00

### Staffing

Deployable:  
Number of Paid Firefighters 59 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 0  
Non-Deployable:  
Number of Administrative Staff 2 Communications 5

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

Debt Service Truck Lease-Payment \$78,784.20/Balance \$437,605.03 2016 GO Bond-\$129,000.00  
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses \$3,951,525.8  
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings \$500,000  
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? 2016  
Was your request granted? Yes

If so, please detail your accomplishments with the additional revenue? (You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.)  
Our millage decreases due to the reassessment, therefore, we asked to get the amount of millage we lost back to maintain our current millage and growth rates.

**Performance Data**

ISO Rating <u>2/2Y</u>	Year Rating Received <u>2017</u>
Population Served (daytime) <u>75,0000</u>	Population Served (nighttime) <u>60,000</u>
Number of Households <u>30,000</u>	Number of Businesses <u>244</u>
Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) <u>2552</u>	
Number of Structure Fires <u>41</u>	Number of MVA's <u>64</u>
Number of Medical Calls <u>2051</u>	Number of Brush Fires <u>109</u>
Number of Vehicle Fires <u>28</u>	Number of Public Service Calls <u>182</u>
Number Mutual Aid Calls Sent <u>22</u>	Number Mutual Aid Calls Rec'd <u>21</u>
Number of Hazmat Calls <u>19</u>	Number of Rescue Calls <u>37</u>

*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.)*

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

*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.

We cover the following large industries in our Fire District: Michelin Tire Corporation, Drive Automotive, Roy Metals, GE Aviation, and about 75% of Augusta Grove industry Park. We also provide fire Protection to 5 county schools and one county child development center.

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

We participate in both the County and State Mutual Aid Agreements. We currently are dispatching all responses for South Greenville Fire District, Gantt Fire District and Piedmont Fire District. We have Automatic Aid Agreements with the following departments: Fountain Inn Fire Department, Belmont Fire Department, Piedmont Fire Department, and Anderson County Fire Department

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

We plan to build a new training facility with money from the bond that could lower our ISO rating.

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

We provide free Fire Prevention to over 50 churches and all the schools in our response area. We provide CPR classes at cost to the industries in our area. We provide free Fire Extinguisher Training to all industries in our area. We have a 24 hour ALS Certified Response Vehicle in our response area.

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

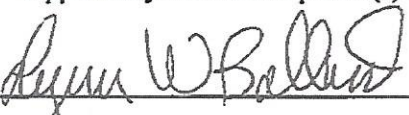
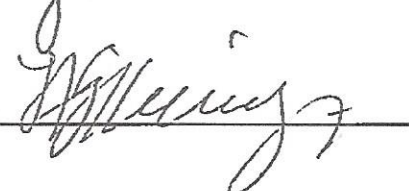
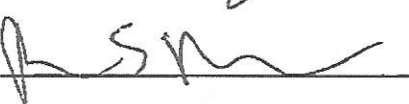
**NO MILLAGE INCREASE REQUESTED**

**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:

1. , 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  
[jhansley@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:jhansley@greenvillecounty.org)

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE SOUTH GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Whereas, the South Greenville Fire District (the "District") is a special taxing district within Greenville (the "County") established to provide fire suppression and other fire protection related services residing in the District; and

Whereas, in order to provide the required services and to meet the fire protection needs to the residents of the District, certain capital improvements must be undertaken; and

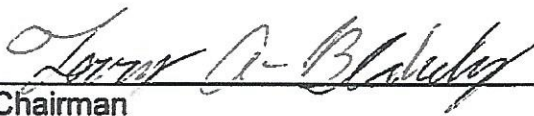
Whereas, proper planning and management for the provision of fire services in the District requires a long-range capital improvement plan (the "CIP") to keep up with and adequately respond to the growth and demand for service in the District; and

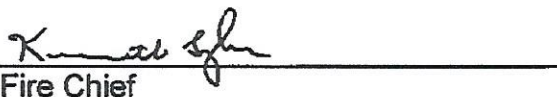
Whereas, it is the finding of the District Commission and Fire Chief that not only is the CIP necessary to adequately serve the needs of the residents of the District, but if implemented, will continue to enhance the level of those services; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the District Commission hereby approves the CIP for the District that is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

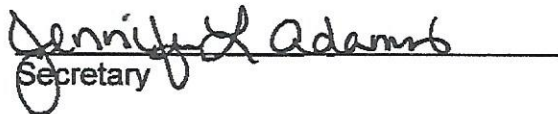
**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission and Fire Chief design and carry forward a plan to implement the CIP and seek adequate required approvals from Greenville County to fund the CIP.

**DONE IN REGULAR MEETING** this 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2018.

  
Chairman

  
Fire Chief

ATTEST:

  
Secretary





**SOUTH GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Capital Improvement Program**  
**January 25, 2018**

DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	TOTAL
Sub Station IV	GO Bonds	\$1,200,000								\$1,200,000
Training Facility	GO Bonds	\$ 350,000								\$ 350,000
Headquarters Renovation	GO Bonds	\$ 150,000								\$ 150,000
2 - Pumpers	GO Bonds / Pay-Go (1)	\$ 900,000								\$ 900,000
Pumper Equipment	Pay-Go	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 33,000
Pick-Up Truck	Pay-Go		\$ 30,000							\$ 30,000
Jaws of Life	Pay-Go									\$ 30,000
Brush Truck	Pay-Go				\$ 96,000					\$ 96,000
Station II Concrete Pad	Pay-Go	\$ 20,000								\$ 20,000
Radio	Pay-Go					\$ 50,000				\$ 50,000
Turn Out Gear (3 Sets)	Pay-Go	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 101,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,637,000</b>	<b>\$ 47,500</b>	<b>\$ 17,500</b>	<b>\$ 114,500</b>	<b>\$ 68,500</b>	<b>\$ 19,000</b>	<b>\$ 13,000</b>	<b>\$ 53,000</b>	<b>\$2,970,000</b>

Check \$2,970,000

(1) GO Bonds \$800,000 / Pay-Go \$100,000.