



Fire District Millage Request Application

Contact Information

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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 \$ 396,354 TC=\$ 296,629 GC=\$ 99,725 Value of One Mill \$ 4,136
FD Current Millage Rate 24.3 cents Value of Total Millage \$ 4,136,001
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) \$ 98,879.77
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) \$ 43,506 +/-
Number of Paid Firefighters 1 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 42

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

Debt Service \$ 84,982.92
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses \$ 311,371.08 Does not include Debt Service
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings \$ 33,820.36 These funds are restricted on their use, ie: SC 1% funds & NC Fireman's Relief Fund.
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? 2022

Was your request granted? Yes

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

We used the additional revenue to cover the continuing cost increases in providing our services.

Performance Data

ISO Rating: <u>Class 4</u>	Year Rating Received: <u>2023</u>
Population Served (daytime) <u>Approx. 716</u>	Population Served (nighttime) <u>Approx. 358</u>
Number of Households <u>Approx. 179</u>	Number of Businesses <u>3</u>
Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) <u>35</u>	
Number of Structure Fires <u>0</u>	Number of MVA's <u>4</u>
Number of Medical Calls <u>25</u>	Number of Brush Fires <u>0</u>
Number of Vehicle Fires <u>0</u>	Number of Mutual Aid Calls <u>1</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.)*

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.
Our district is a remote area on top of the mountain with winding and steep roadways. It contains the Caesar's Head State Park with just under 7,500 acres and 60+ miles of hiking trails, which often require lengthy responses for lost or injured hikers, some lasting as long as 8 to 12 hours. Last year's visitors count estimate for the state park is well over half a million visitors and the estimates indicate that number will likely increase this year!

We also have the 1,400-acre YMCA Camp Greenville in our district. Camp Greenville hosts approximately 4,000 campers each during its six-month summer program and has over 500 events at the Fred W. Symmes Chapel (Pretty Place) during the year.

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

We have Mutual Aid Agreements with River Falls Fire Department, Greenville County Firefighters Association & EM, and are also listed with the SC Firefighter Mobilization at SC State Fire.

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

With costs continuing to steadily increase, especially in recent months, we need an increase to allow us to continue the level of service that we currently provide. We are awaiting the delivery later this Fall of a new engine to replace our 1997 model "first out/primary" pumper. We have submitted a separate request requesting help with funding to put towards the down payment for the new truck.

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

We provide services to Caesar's Head State Park and YMCA Camp Greenville. Providing these services may involve large numbers of personnel and can take anywhere from a couple of hours to as much as twelve or more hours and may also involve complex and dangerous operations.

Please assign a priority rating to your millage increase request from the following options: _____ 2

Priority 1: Without the increase, it would present challenges for us to continue to provide the level of service that we are giving currently. Our ISO ratings could be affected negatively.

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, _____, 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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