

AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE TO THE MILLAGE RATE LEVIED BY THE CAESAR'S HEAD FIRE SERVICE AREA, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES WITH CEDAR MOUNTAIN FIRE RESCUE, INC.

WHEREAS, the Caesar's Head Fire Service Area is serviced under a contract with Cedar Mountain Fire Rescue, Inc. ("CMFR") out of Transylvania County, North Carolina, and CMFR has presented a budget and millage request to Greenville County Council providing for expenditures of revenues in the area served by CMFR, including the Caesar's Head Fire Service Area; and

WHEREAS, the Caesar's Head Fire Service Area, formed in 2004 pursuant to Ordinance No. 3830, annually levies ad valorem property tax millage for contracted fire protection services, and CMFR has requested an increase to the Fire Service Area's current millage rate for continued operations and maintenance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Millage Rate and Tax Levy. Greenville County Council hereby approves a total increase of three and two-tenths (3.2) mills for the Caesar's Head Fire Service Area, bringing the district's total operation and maintenance millage to twenty-seven and five-tenths (27.5) mills. This request consists of operating millage allowable (CPI and population growth) for FY2025-2026 pursuant to S.C. Code § 6-1-320(A)(1) and operating millage allowed but not imposed for the three preceding property tax years pursuant to S.C. Code § 6-1-320(A)(2). The ad valorem property tax millage increase set forth herein is based on 2025 millage rates and is subject to reassessment year calculations pursuant to S.C. Code § 12-37-251(E) by the County Auditor. The Auditor and Tax Collector of Greenville County are hereby directed to levy and collect taxes in accordance with this Ordinance.

Section 2. Contract for Fire Protection and First Responder Services. The Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator are hereby authorized to renew a contract with Cedar Mountain Fire Rescue, Inc. for the purpose of providing fire protection, fire suppression, first responder, fire code inspections, arson investigations, and other fire services to the Caesar's Head Fire Service Area.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Benton Blount, Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator