



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, lease purchase transaction approval

FD Annual Budget 8,886,953.00 Value of One Mill 175,206.00
FD Current Millage Rate 31.414,227.11 Value of Total Millage 5,501,468.40
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) 5,435,233.00
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) 14,227.11

Staffing

Deployable:
Number of Paid Firefighters 69 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters _____
Non-Deployable:
Number of Administrative Staff 6 Communications 10 Police and Fire

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

Debt Service First Tryon will provide this information
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses 8,886,953.00(FY 2025-2026) Capital 110,000
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings There is no designation within the City's general fund reserve that is broken down by department. The City's budget needs are in the annual operating budget.
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? 2019
Was your request granted? Yes

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

We added a station, land for the station, two fire apparatus, and nine personnel to staff the station. This additional station has improved response times in an area of our district that has experienced growth and is no longer rural.

Performance Data

ISO Rating <u>2</u>	Year Rating Received <u>2026</u>
Population Served (daytime) <u>43,806</u>	Population Served (nighttime) <u>65,382</u>
Number of Households <u>20,053</u>	Number of Businesses <u>1175</u>
Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) <u>5157</u>	
Number of Structure Fires <u>50</u>	Number of MVA's <u>394</u>
Number of Medical Calls <u>3235</u>	Number of Brush Fires <u>70</u>
Number of Vehicle Fires <u>17</u>	Number of Public Service Calls <u>1327</u>
Number Mutual Aid Calls Sent <u>158</u>	Number Mutual Aid Calls Rec'd <u>16</u>
Number of Hazmat Calls <u>54</u>	Number of Rescue Calls <u>10</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.

Within the district, several locations are classified as Hazardous under the International Fire Code based on the materials used and/or the manufacturing process. Included in this are Kemet, Sealed Air/ Cryovac, H.B Fuller, Fitesa, and Milliken. Within the district, we have large box stores such as Lowe's, Home Depot, and Walmart, as well as large shopping centers.

There are five four-story hotels and thirty-six multi-story apartment complexes within the district that require additional aerial apparatus due to the height and/or footprint of the buildings.

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

The Simpsonville Fire Department currently has state-wide and county-wide mutual aid agreements. We have auto-aid agreements with Fountain Inn, Clear Spring, and South Greenville Fire District. We share information and resources with all neighboring departments as needed.

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

The last ISO audit was completed recently, and the department maintained its rating of 2. Although the rating remained the same, the points decreased. The requested increase will shore up our rating of a 2 and create the possibility of improving to a 1 in the future. The first goal of the request will enable the department to implement the findings of the compensation and classification study conducted by Archer. The implementation of the study will greatly increase the department's ability to retain employees. Maintaining staffing levels through retention will improve the ISO credit for company personnel. The second goal is to hire two new employees. These new employees will increase staffing levels at this time and begin a plan to add a dedicated truck company. As new firefighters are added over the next five years, the department will establish a dedicated truck company to meet ISO recommendations. This request will help address two deficiencies noted by ISO: staffing and a dedicated truck company.

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

There are seven public schools and forty churches in our district. Tax-exempt entities receive the same level of service as all other properties in our district.

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, _____, 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
Ted Lambrecht, Deputy County Administrator
301 University Ridge, Suite N-4000
Greenville, SC 29601

or

tlambrecht@greenvillecounty.org

Aggregate				Series 2015B General Obligation Bonds (Simpsonville FSA)				Series 2019A General Obligation Bonds (Simpsonville FSA)				Series 2026A General Obligation Bonds (Simpsonville FSA)			
FY	Principal	Interest	Debt Service	FY	Principal	Interest	Debt Service	FY	Principal	Interest	Debt Service	FY	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
Total	6,195,000	1,190,030	7,385,030	Total	1,410,000	136,200	1,546,200	Total	3,885,000	709,463	4,594,463	Total	900,000	344,368	1,244,368
2026	635,000	179,206	814,206	2026	255,000	47,400	302,400	2026	380,000	131,806	511,806	2026	-	-	-
2027	680,000	181,278	861,278	2027	265,000	34,650	299,650	2027	385,000	112,806	497,806	2027	30,000	33,821	63,821
2028	726,000	158,101	884,101	2028	285,000	26,700	311,700	2028	395,000	93,556	488,556	2028	46,000	37,845	83,845
2029	743,000	127,800	870,800	2029	295,000	18,150	313,150	2029	400,000	73,806	473,806	2029	48,000	35,844	83,844
2030	565,000	96,862	661,862	2030	310,000	9,300	319,300	2030	205,000	53,806	258,806	2030	50,000	33,756	83,756
2031	268,000	79,237	347,237	2031	-	-	-	2031	215,000	47,656	262,656	2031	53,000	31,581	84,581
2032	275,000	70,482	345,482	2032	-	-	-	2032	220,000	41,206	261,206	2032	55,000	29,276	84,276
2033	282,000	63,689	345,689	2033	-	-	-	2033	225,000	36,806	261,806	2033	57,000	26,883	83,883
2034	290,000	56,710	346,710	2034	-	-	-	2034	230,000	32,306	262,306	2034	60,000	24,404	84,404
2035	298,000	49,500	347,500	2035	-	-	-	2035	235,000	27,706	262,706	2035	63,000	21,794	84,794
2036	305,000	41,766	346,766	2036	-	-	-	2036	240,000	22,713	262,713	2036	65,000	19,053	84,053
2037	313,000	33,538	346,538	2037	-	-	-	2037	245,000	17,313	262,313	2037	68,000	16,226	84,226
2038	321,000	25,068	346,068	2038	-	-	-	2038	250,000	11,800	261,800	2038	71,000	13,268	84,268
2039	335,000	16,354	351,354	2039	-	-	-	2039	260,000	6,175	266,175	2039	75,000	10,179	85,179
2040	78,000	6,917	84,917	2040	-	-	-	2040	-	-	-	2040	78,000	6,917	84,917
2041	81,000	3,524	84,524	2041	-	-	-	2041	-	-	-	2041	81,000	3,524	84,524
2042	-	-	-	2042	-	-	-	2042	-	-	-	2042	-	-	-
2043	-	-	-	2043	-	-	-	2043	-	-	-	2043	-	-	-
2044	-	-	-	2044	-	-	-	2044	-	-	-	2044	-	-	-

*Debt Service schedule is estimated and subject to change.