

AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE TO THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE LEVIED BY THE SIMPSONVILLE FIRE SERVICE AREA.

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council established the Simpsonville Fire Service Area (the “Fire Service Area”) in 1984 pursuant to Ordinance No. 1268, as amended, and continued the Fire Service Area in 2004 pursuant to Ordinance No. 3821, for the provision of fire protection and first responder services to certain unincorporated areas of Greenville County near the City of Simpsonville; and

WHEREAS, fire protection and first responder services within the Fire Service Area are provided by the City of Simpsonville, and the City has presented a budget and millage request to Greenville County Council providing for the expenditure of *ad valorem* property tax revenues for operations and maintenance within the Fire Service Area; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Service Area annually levies *ad valorem* property tax millage for fire protection services, and the City of Simpsonville has requested an increase to the Fire Service Area’s current operating millage rate for continued operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the current operating millage rate for the Fire Service Area reflects a reduction from the thirty-three and five-tenths (33.5) mills established by Ordinance No. 5083 in 2019, resulting from the County’s 2025 countywide reassessment and the rollback millage calculation required by S.C. Code § 12-37-251(E); and

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council is authorized to levy *ad valorem* property tax millage for the operations and maintenance of the Fire Service Area, subject to the millage rate increase limitation set forth in S.C. Code § 6-1-320.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Millage Rate and Tax Levy. Greenville County Council approves an increase of five (5) mills, bringing the total millage for operations and maintenance to thirty-two and four-tenths (32.4) mills for the Simpsonville Fire Service Area. This increase consists of operating millage allowable (CPI and population growth) for FY 2026-2027 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 Auditor and Tax Collector of Greenville County are hereby directed to levy and collect taxes in accordance with this Ordinance.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Benton Blount, Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator