

AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE TO THE MILLAGE RATE LEVIED BY THE CLEAR SPRING FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Council, in County Ordinance No. 879 (March 3, 1981) established the East Simpsonville Fire District under Title 4, Chapter 19 of Code of Laws of South Carolina, which authorizes counties to establish fire protection districts to provide fire protection within the geographical area of the district.

WHEREAS, the County Council later found that the District's name was causing confusion for dispatch and renamed the District to the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District in Ordinance 3789 (May 19, 2004), citing authority under Title 4, Chapters 19 and 21 of the South Carolina Code, to avoid confusion with similarly-named fire districts; and

WHEREAS, the County Council also established a Board of Fire Control to administer the District with the Board members being appointed by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 4-19-20(4) and County Ordinance No. 1340 (December 4, 1984), County Council authorized an *ad valorem* tax and levy of ten (10) mills on all taxable property of the District for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred; and

WHEREAS, the Board has presented a budget and millage request to Greenville County Council for FY 2026-2027 providing for expenditures of revenues acquired by the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District pursuant to *ad valorem* property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council, in accordance with Sections 4-19-10, *et seq.*, Sections 4-21-10, *et seq.*, and Sections 6-1-300, *et seq.* of the South Carolina Code of laws, 1976, as amended, desires to adopt the Board of Fire Control's recommendation for the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District's millage request; and

WHEREAS, the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District is authorized by ordinance to annually levy, for operations and maintenance, *ad valorem* property tax millage, and the Board of Fire Control has requested an increase to the District's current millage levy, which request is subject to the millage rate increase limitations in S.C. Code § 6-1-320.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Millage Rate and Tax Levy. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 4-19-10(l), 4-19-20(4), 4-21-10, and 4-9-30(5)(a), and subject to the millage rate increase limitations of § 6-1-320, County Council adopts the recommendation of the Board of Fire Control and approves an increase of five (5) mills for operations and maintenance bringing the total millage for operations and maintenance from twenty-three and nine tenths (23.9) mills to twenty-eight and nine tenths (28.9) mills and debt millage of three and seven tenths (3.7) mills for a total tax millage of thirty-two and six tenths (32.6) mills for the Clear Spring Fire District. This request consists of operating millage allowable (CPI and population growth) for FY2026-2027 pursuant to S.C.

Code § 6-1-320(A)(1) and operating millage allowed but not imposed for the one preceding property tax year 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