



South Greenville Fire District

"Caring for our Community"

July 1, 2026

Honorable Benton Blount
Chairman, County Council

Honorable Garey Collins
Vice Chairman, Finance Committee

Greenville County Council
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400
Greenville, SC 29601

RE: SOUTH GREENVILLE AREA FIRE DISTRICT

Dear Chairman Blount and Councillor Collins:

The South Greenville Area Fire District, South Carolina (the "District") was created and established as a body politic and corporate, pursuant to Act No. 67 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1965, as amended. The District is located wholly in the County and was established for the purpose of providing fire protection services within the District.

The District's readiness and training meets a high standard for fire service provision, and we currently maintain an ISO rating of 2/2Y. The District continues to find the most cost-effective solutions to provide for increasing operational costs, replacing outdated equipment, and providing additional services. FY2027 operational, capital and debt service expenditures are projected at approximately \$10.8 million. The current millage for the District is 36.2 mills for operations and 0.5 mills for debt service.

The District Board of Commissioners (the "Board") strives to ensure that the people in the District have the best possible service provided to our constituents at the lowest cost to them from our organization. Due to the growing service requirements and need to maintain current staffing levels, as well as achieving and maintaining competitive compensation for our employees, the Board approved at its June 29, 2026, meeting

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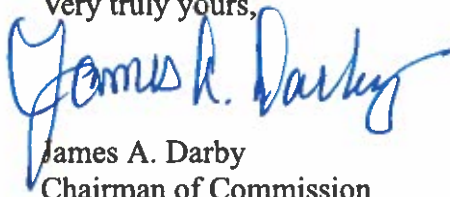
to request approval from County Council for a 5 mill increase in the operational millage and a GO Bond that will increase our debt service by approximately 0.35 mills. This represents the amount allowed under the current CPI and population increase with a three year look back.

We would like to make you aware of the following:

- The District covers approximately 83.2 square miles and is staffed by seventy-three (74) paid firefighters, one (1) administrative staff and six (6) communication professionals. The District serves an approximate daytime / nighttime population of 25,000 and 35,000 respectively. This population includes approximately 12,000 households and 449 businesses.
- The District maintains Standard Operating Procedures & Guidelines, which also include Procurement, Accounting, Financial Management, Reimbursement and Bond Compliance Policies.
- The *most important reason* for this request is to continue to provide superior services to our constituents.

Attached you will find the Fire District Millage Request Application, 2025 Financial Audit Results, Five-Year Revenue and Expenditure Projection, Capital Improvement Program, Millage Resolution adopted by the Board and the GO Bond Petition with Resolution adopted by the Board. Please review the attached information and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your continued support and consideration for the District.

Very truly yours,


James A. Darby
Chairman of Commission


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Fire Chief

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Fire District Millage Request Application

Contact Information

District Name: South Greenville Area Fire District State FDID Number 23324
Fire Chief's Name Adam Harbert Email: aharbert@sgfdfire.com
Mailing Address 8305 Augusta Road City, State, Zip Pelzer, SC 29669
Contact Person's Name: Jennifer Adams Email: jadams@sgfdfire.com
Address: 8305 Augusta Road City, State, Zip Pelzer, SC 29669
Phone: 864-243-5650 Fax: 864-243-5656

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 \$10,850,165.35 Value of One Mill \$220,011.00
FD Current Millage Rate 36.2 Operating / 0.5 Debt Service Value of Total Millage \$7,964,398.20
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) Tax Levy \$9,108,299.79 - FILOT \$812,012.48 (* District Fiscal Year Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025)
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) \$838,681.48

Staffing

Deployable:
Number of Paid Firefighters 74 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 0
Non-Deployable:
Number of Administrative Staff 1 Communications 6

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

Debt Service 2018 GO Bond \$170,000.00, 2021 Truck Lease \$121,709.64 / Balance as of 12/31/2025 \$415,718.81
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses \$9,200,165.35
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings Reserve \$1,540,000.00, Capital Improvement Projects \$770,075.00, Apparatus Replacement \$550,296.81
(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 have achieved replacing two fire engines, one ladder truck and added firefighting equipment across the district to provide a higher quality of service. We have increased salaries 19% within the last four years and added three firefighters to each shift.

Performance Data

ISO Rating 2/2Y

Year Rating Received 2026

Population Served (daytime) 25,000

Population Served (nighttime) 32,000

Number of Households 12,000

Number of Businesses 449

Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) 3,631 (2025)

Number of Structure Fires 77

Number of MVA's 295

Number of Medical Calls 1,723

Number of Brush Fires 142

Number of Vehicle Fires 16

Number of Public Service Calls 648

Number Mutual Aid Calls Sent 118

Number Mutual Aid Calls Rec'd 35

Number of Hazmat Calls 28

Number of Rescue Calls 3

*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.

We currently have the following large industries in our Fire District: Michelin Tire (four facilities), Magna/Drive Automotive (four facilities), Aalberts Surface Technologies - RMF, GE Aviation, JTEKT, Vermeer MV Solutions, PL Development, Verdeco Mfg, Kimura, Amazon Warehouse, Encore Container, 80% of Augusta Grove Business Park, Willimon Business Park, South Greenville Enterprise Park, SouthPoint Commerce Center, Merovan at Donaldson, and Magnolia Grove Business Park. We currently have three major projects that are under construction including Isuzu North America, Nissin Foods and Safe Industries.

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

We participate in both the County and State Mutual Aid Agreements. We are currently dispatching all responses for South Greenville Fire District, Gantt Fire Department and Piedmont Fire Department. We have Automatic Aid Agreements with Belmont Fire Department, Dunklin Fire Department, Canebrake Fire Department, Gantt Fire Department, Piedmont Fire Department, Fountain Inn Fire Department, Simpsonville Fire Department, Mauldin Fire Department, Anderson County Fire Department, Belton Fire Department and Honea Path Fire Department. We have supported the Donaldson Career Center Firefighting Program with a donation of a fire truck and other firefighting equipment. We participate in the Co-Op Program with Donaldson Career Center and Golden Strip Career Center to allow their students to job shadow at our department. We support the Greenville County Special Operations Team and South Carolina Task Force 6 with our personnel. We also house and respond three pieces of special operations equipment for Greenville County Special Operations.

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

This millage increase will allow us to maintain our current staffing levels and operational readiness. The increase will also allow competitive pay increases so that our department can retain employees that we have hired and trained, instead of losing them to other agencies after their training is completed. This millage increase will also give us the ability to continue our Capital Improvement Plan (see attached) that will allow us to maintain our current ISO rating of 2/2Y.

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

We provide Fire Protection for five (5) Greenville County Schools, Riley Child Development Center, Brashier Middle College, Greenville Technical College Brashier Campus, Perry Correctional Institution, REWA Treatment Facilities, Duke Energy Facilities, Greenwood CPW Pump Station, and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line. We have 39 churches in our Fire District. We are recognized as a South Carolina Fire Safe Community that provides Community Risk Reduction services to the above groups with our Fire Safety House, educational materials and training to include first aid and CPR. We are also heavily involved with our local Homeowners Associations with multiple activities and Community Risk Reduction events on an annual basis.

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
 COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

PETITION

PETITION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE CONTROL OF THE SOUTH GREENVILLE AREA FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO TITLE 6, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 5, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED.

1. South Greenville Area Fire District, South Carolina (the "*District*") was created and established as a body corporate and politic, pursuant to Act No. 67 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina of 1965, as amended. The District is located wholly in Greenville County, South Carolina (the "*County*").

2. In carrying out its functions and duties, the Board of Fire Control (the "*Board*"), which is the governing body of the District, has determined that the need exists to undertake the financing of the costs of the acquisition of fire trucks, including related equipment, and various equipment and apparatus (collectively, the "*Improvements*"). It is presently estimated that the cost of the Improvements will amount to at least \$1,000,000. The Board has determined to finance the cost of the Improvements and related issuance costs through the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District.

3. The County Council (the "*Council*") of the County, as the governing body of the County, is empowered by Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "*Enabling Act*"), to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act.

4. Pursuant to the Enabling Act, if the Council, upon petition of the Board, determines that it is in the best interest of the District to raise moneys for the furtherance of any power and function of the District, the Council may order a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District in one or more separate bond issues.

5. In order to finance the cost of the Improvements, the Board has determined that it is necessary to issue not exceeding \$1,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the District (such principal amount not to exceed the then applicable debt limit of the District), in one or more series, and has authorized this petition to the Council requesting that the Council order a public hearing to be held on the question of the issuance of not exceeding \$1,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the District, in one or more series.

Therefore, the District requests that the Council order a public hearing to be held in the County on the question of authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$1,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the District, in one or more series, without an election.

**SOUTH GREENVILLE AREA FIRE DISTRICT,
 SOUTH CAROLINA**

Attest:


 Secretary, Board of Fire Control


 Chairman, Board of Fire Control

June 29, 2026

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PETITION TO GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING THE INCURRING OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO FINANCE CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SOUTH GREENVILLE AREA FIRE DISTRICT IN GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE CONTROL OF THE SOUTH GREENVILLE AREA FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

ARTICLE I

FINDINGS OF FACT

Section 1.01

As an incident to the adoption of this Resolution, the Board of Fire Control (the *"Board"*), which is the governing body of South Greenville Area Fire District, South Carolina (the *"District"*), has made the following findings:

1. The District was created and established as a body corporate and politic, pursuant to Act No. 67 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina of 1965, as amended. It is located wholly within Greenville County, South Carolina (the *"County"*).

2. In carrying out its functions and duties, the Board has determined that the need exists to undertake the financing of the costs of the acquisition of fire trucks, including related equipment, and various equipment and apparatus (collectively, the *"Improvements"*).

3. The County Council (the *"Council"*) of the County, as the governing body of the County, is empowered by Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the *"Enabling Act"*), to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act.

4. Pursuant to the Enabling Act, if the Council, upon petition of the Board, determines that it is in the best interest of the District to raise moneys for the furtherance of any power and function of the District, the Council may order a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District.

5. In order to finance the cost of the Improvements, the Board has determined that it is necessary to issue not exceeding \$1,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the District in one or more separate bond issues, and adopts this Resolution to evidence such approval and to authorize a petition to the Council requesting that said Council order a public hearing to be held on the question of the issuance of not exceeding \$1,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the District in one or more series.

ARTICLE II

SUBMISSION OF PETITION

Section 2.01

The petition substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A* shall be presented to the Council in accordance with and for the purposes set forth in the Enabling Act. The petition shall be duly executed by an officer of the Board.

ARTICLE III

OFFICIAL ACTION

Section 3.01

The Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Treasury Department have promulgated Section 1.1502 of the Treasury Regulations (the "*Regulations*") which authorize a governmental unit to reimburse itself for expenditures made with respect to projects prior to the issuance of taxexempt bonds for such projects. The Board is adopting this Resolution to recite certain facts and intentions prior to the incurrence of certain expenditures and the issuance of taxexempt bonds. The Regulations require that the Board or a person designated by the Board declare an official intent to reimburse an expenditure prior to the incurrence of the expenditure.

The District anticipates drawing from the general fund of the District in order to incur certain expenditures related to the Improvements prior to the issuance of general obligation bonds for such purposes in a principal amount of not exceeding \$1,000,000.

The Board hereby declares its official intent pursuant to Regulation Section 1.1502 to be reimbursed from the proceeds of general obligation bonds to be issued for expenditures with respect to the Improvements which may occur prior to the issuance of such general obligation bonds.

The source of funds for any expenditures with respect to the Improvements will be capital improvement funds, reserve funds or the general fund of the District. Any bonds issued will be paid from taxes levied to pay debt service on such obligations or other revenues of the District.

DONE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, this 29th day of June, 2026.

**SOUTH GREENVILLE AREA FIRE DISTRICT,
SOUTH CAROLINA**


Chairman, Board of Fire Control

Attest:


Secretary, Board of Fire Control

A RESOLUTION

**TO REQUEST GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL INCREASE THE OPERATING MILLAGE
TO BE LEVIED BY SOUTH GREENVILLE AREA FIRE DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, the South Greenville Area Fire District, South Carolina (the “*District*”) is a special purpose district located wholly within Greenville County, South Carolina (the “*County*”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Control (the “*Board*”), the governing body of the District, is authorized by law to annually levy, for operations and maintenance, ad valorem property tax millage for the District and by this Resolution is requesting the County authorize an increase of its present millage rate; and

WHEREAS, according to the provisions contained in Section 6-11-275 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, special purpose districts totally located within a county, which were in existence prior to March 7, 1973, and which have the statutory authority to annually levy taxes for operations and maintenance, are authorized to increase their respective millage limitations upon the written approval of the governing body of the county in which they are located; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6-11-275 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the levy of a millage above a special purpose district’s statutory rate must be approved each year by the governing body of the county in which the district is located; and

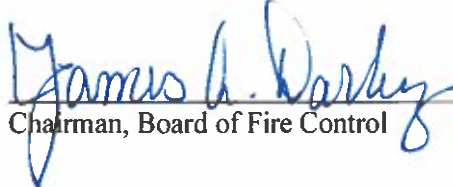
WHEREAS, the District has traditionally levied ad valorem property tax millage rates above its statutory limits; and

WHEREAS, decades ago, the South Carolina General Assembly set up a statutory millage rate for the District, and over time, the old statutory rate has become an outdated measure of the revenue sufficient to continue day-to-day operation of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the District hereby requests that the County Council of the County approve an increase of five (5) mills above the District’s present millage rate of thirty-six point two (36.2) mills for operations and maintenance.

DONE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, this 29th day of June, 2026.

**SOUTH GREENVILLE AREA FIRE DISTRICT,
SOUTH CAROLINA**


Chairman, Board of Fire Control

Attest:


Secretary, Board of Fire Control

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Fire Control (the ***"Board"***), the governing body of the South Greenville Area Fire District, South Carolina (the ***"District"***), **DO HEREBY CERTIFY:**

That the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and verbatim copy of a Resolution which was duly adopted on June 29, 2026, at which meeting a quorum of the membership of the Board was present, of which a majority voted in favor of the adoption thereof, and that the original of said Resolution is duly entered in the permanent records of the Board in my custody as such Secretary.

WITNESS my Hand this 29th day of June, 2026.



Secretary, Board of Fire Control
South Greenville Area Fire District, South Carolina