

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A FIRE PROTECTION AREA TO BE KNOWN AS THE EAST SIMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR A BOARD OF FIRE CONTROL FOR SUCH DISTRICT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS APPOINTMENT, POWERS AND DUTIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Findings. The Greenville County Council has been requested by numerous residents of the area defined in Section 2 hereof to establish a system to provide fire protection for such area. Originally the petition submitted by these residents called for a district to be supported by a twenty-mill tax levy under the authority of Section 4-9-30(5)(a) of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, but the petition does not have the required number of freeholders' signatures and, after holding a public hearing, the Council deems it inadvisable at the present time that an ad valorem tax levy be imposed upon the area. Residents of the area, however, believe that they can operate a fire protection system without an ad valorem tax levy, and authority for the creation of such a system is given to the County Council by Chapter 19 of Title 4 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, which is derived from Act No. 1167 of the 1974 Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of South Carolina. The Council deems it advisable that such a fire protection system be created, but that no tax levy be imposed.

Section 2. Creation of East Simpsonville Fire District. There is hereby created within Greenville County a fire protection service area to be known as the East Simpsonville Fire District which shall have the following boundaries:

"BEGINNING at a point in the Greenville and Laurens County boundary line and running thence in a northerly direction along the center of the Enoree River (Greenville and Spartanburg County line) approximately 21,879 feet to the center of Highway 296 (Bennetts Bridge Road) at Enoree River; thence turning and running in a westerly direction along center of Highway 296 approximately 16,339.5 feet to Woodruff Road (Highway 146); thence turning and running in a northwesterly direction along center of Highway 146 approximately 3,978 feet to the intersection of Scuffletown Road (Highway 145); thence turning and running in a southerly direction along Scuffletown Road approximately 17,000 feet to the intersection of Bethany Road; thence

turning and running in a southeasterly direction along Bethany Road approximately 2,000 feet to the intersection of Clear Spring Road; thence turning and running in a westerly direction along Clear Spring Road approximately 500 feet to the intersection of Epps Drive; thence turning and running in a southerly direction along Epps Drive approximately 2,500 feet to the intersection of East Georgia Road; thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction along East Georgia Road approximately 700 feet to the intersection of Satterfield Road; thence turning and running in a southerly direction along Satterfield Road approximately 1500 feet to the intersection of a creek; thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction along center of creek approximately 2,000 feet to the intersection of Goodwin Road; thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction approximately 4,000 feet to the intersection of Bethany Road and Stewart Road; thence continuing in a northeasterly direction approximately 5,000 feet along Stewart Road to the intersection of the Laurens County line; thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction approximately 7,000 feet along Greenville and Laurens County line to beginning point."

Section 3. Establishment of Board of Fire Control.

The District shall be administered by a Board of Fire Control (hereinafter called the "Board") consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by Greenville County Council from residents of the District. Each member of the Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years, except that of the members initially appointed three (3) members shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years and two (2) members shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years. Should vacancies in office occur, they shall be filled by the Council for the remainder of the unexpired terms. All members of the Board shall serve until the expiration of their terms or until their successors shall be appointed and qualify.

Section 4. Powers and Duties of Board. The Board shall, as agents and surrogates of the Council under Section 4-19-10 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

(1) To solicit and receive donations or grants of funds from public or private sources and to solicit and receive

the services of volunteers;

(2) To buy such fire-fighting equipment as the Board deems necessary for the purpose of controlling fires within the District.

(3) To select sites or places within the District where the fire-fighting equipment shall be kept.

(4) To employ all necessary fire protection personnel and fix their compensation.

(5) To employ and supervise the training of firemen to insure that the equipment shall be utilized for the best interest of the District.

(6) To be responsible for the purchase, acquisition, upkeep, maintenance and repairs of all fire-fighting equipment and fire stations and the sites thereof;

(7) To promulgate, with the approval of the County Council, such rules and regulations as it may deem proper and necessary to insure that the equipment is being used to the best advantage of the county and to carry out the provisions of that chapter.

(8) To construct the necessary buildings to house the equipment authorized herein, and all fire stations necessary to provide an adequate fire protection system.

(9) To appoint officers, agents, employees, and servants, to prescribe the duties of such, to fix their compensation and to determine if and to what extent they should be bonded for the faithful performance of their duties.

(10) To exercise any and all other powers necessary to operating and maintaining a fire protection system.

Section 5. Reports. The Board shall file with the Clerk of the County Council such reports of the Board's activities and finances as the Council may from time to time require.

Section 6. Time Effective. This ordinance shall become effective on the date of its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS 3rd DAY OF March, 1981.

Michael Spang
Chairman

Frank Ellenburg
County Administrator

ATTEST:

Mary J. Turner
Clerk