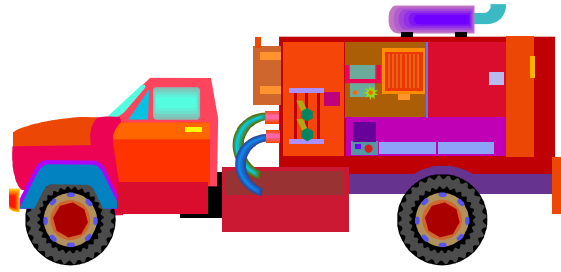


**Foothills Fire Service Area  
Post Office Box 231  
Landrum, South Carolina 29356**



August 5, 2014

John Hansley, Greenville Deputy County Administrator  
301 University Ridge  
Greenville, SC 29601-3660

Dear Mr. Hansley:

Upon receiving the July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, KREZ435 reports, the projected income for calendar year 2015 is \$42,564 with a millage rate of 0.0105. Using this income the 2013 to 2014 budget is expected to be as follows:

New 2015 budget:	<u>2014 Balance</u>	<u>\$29,770</u>
	Projected Income	
	Tax Collections	\$42,264
	<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$300</u>
		\$42,564
	Expenses	
	Tryon Fire Department	\$32,600
	Landrum Fire Department	\$9,196
	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>\$2,200</u>
		\$43,996
	Reserve in 2015	\$28,338

This budget leaves the FFSA with a reserve of \$28,338 which is 64% of the expenses.

This budget was agreed on July 22, 2014, at a public meeting in the Tryon Fire Department and approved by all five members of the commission. These expenses have remained the same for the past 2 years with the millage rate of 10.5 mills. The commissioners are requesting a millage rate increase of 0.0032 which falls within the states increase rate of 3.07%. This increase would give a total millage rate of 0.0108. An increase millage rate of 0.0032 should increase the income about \$1290. The commissioners requested a millage increase last year and it was approved by the Finance Committee. Before the request was presented to the County Council a recommendation was made to withdraw the request which the commissioners did. For the past 2 years the district has had a deficit of \$1139 in 2013 and \$1290 in 2014.

These funds are to be distributed in the amounts of \$32,600 to the Tryon Fire Department in 4 quarterly increments of \$8,150; \$9,196 to the Landrum Fire Department in 4 quarterly increments of \$2,299 and \$2,200 to the FFSA in one payment. These payments are the same as last year.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Very truly yours,  
*Richard Locke*

Richard Locke, Chair Commissioner, Foothills Fire Service Area

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