

# *South Greenville Fire District*

Ken Taylor  
*Chief*



Chad Campbell  
*Assist. Chief*

March 16, 2015

Greenville County Council  
Chairman Bob Taylor  
301 University Ridge, Ste. 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601

Dear Chairperson Taylor;

South Greenville Fire District Board of Commission strives to ensure that the people in our Fire District have the best possible service provided to them at the lowest cost to them from our organization. Due to the increase growth in our area from both residential and industry, we feel the need to request an increase of the current CPI percentage allowed. This increase will allow us to continue to offer our current level of services to everyone in our Fire District.

We have enclosed in this packet our 2013 audit, our five year plan, and a signed resolution from our Board. Please feel free to contact us if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William M. Campbell".

William M. Campbell  
Chairman of Commission



Fire District Millage Request Application

Contact Information

District Name: South Greenville Fire District State FDID Number 23324
Fire Chief's Name Ken Taylor Email: ktaylor@sgfdfire.com
Mailing Address 8305 Augusta Rd. City, State, Zip Pelzer, SC 29669
Contact Person's Name: Chief Taylor Email: ktaylor@sgfdfire.com
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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
[X] Our district is seeking a millage rate increase
Our district is seeking bond approval

FD Annual Budget \$3,418,397.11 Value of One Mill 79,628.00
FD Current Millage Rate 36.2pp / 1.7 bond Value of Total Millage 2,882,533.60
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) 13/14 year 3,431,595.02
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) na
Number of Paid Firefighters 68 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 0

For the following financial measurements, please provide a dollar amount.
(Any additional pertinent information can be detailed in an attached sheet.) truck - \$635,450.24 / \$78,784.3

Debt Service separate millage bond - \$719,000 / \$139,000 Gear - \$104,661.55 / \$35,938.99
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses \$3,822,759.26
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings \$100,000.00
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? 2001
Was your request granted? yes

If so, please detail your accomplishments with the additional revenue? (You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

**Performance Data**

ISO Rating 3 / 9

Year Rating Received 2012

Population Served (daytime) 70,000

Population Served (nighttime) 45,000

Number of Households 11,250

Number of Businesses 358

Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) 2014

Number of Structure Fires 57

Number of MVA's 99

Number of Medical Calls 1567

Number of Brush Fires 1 76

Number of Vehicle Fires 41

Number of Mutual Aid Calls 32

*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 cover Michelin Tire Corporation, Southeastern Paper Board, Drive Automotive, PCC Chemx, GE Aviation, Karmra, Gordon Food and seven (7) schools in our area.
2. Please list any mutual aid agreements or operational or resource sharing agreements your district participates in with other fire districts. We are part of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement Greenville County Mutual Aid Agreement, Anderson County Mutual Aid Agreement for fire and EMS. We have a dispatching agreement with Piedmont Fire Department. We also encourage our employees and house equipment with Greenville County ERT Teams.
3. Please describe how, if at all, the requested millage increase will impact your district's ISO ratings.  
This money will be used to purchase additional firefighting equipment to hopefully lower the rate to a 2. It will also be used to maintain our current equipment we have.
4. Please describe the tax-exempt properties in your district and the services you provide to these entities.  
We have 7 schools we respond to and provide Fire Prevention Material and Programs to. We have multiple churches that we cover and provide Fire Prevention Material and CPR to.

Please assign a priority rating to your millage increase request from the following options: Priority 3

**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  
Attn: John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator  
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601

or

[jhansley@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:jhansley@greenvillecounty.org)



**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION FOR PURPOSES OF APPROVING AN INCREASE TO THE MILLAGE LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED FOR THE SOUTH GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT AND TO REQUEST GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE INCREASE TO THE MILLAGE LIMITATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the South Greenville Fire District is a special purpose district, located wholly within the county of Greenville; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Greenville Fire District was created by Act No. 67 of 1965 of the South Carolina General Assembly, which established the South Greenville Board of Fire Control as the governing body for the South Greenville Fire District; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Greenville Board of Fire Control is an elected body authorized pursuant to Act NO. 67 of 1965 to annually levy, for operations and maintenance, ad valorem property tax millage not exceeding sixteen (16) mills; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the provisions contained in S.C. Code Ann. 6-11-271 and 6-11-275, 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 modify their respective millage limitations provided the increase is first approved by the governing body of the district and by the governing body of the county in which the district by resolutions duly adopted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the South Greenville Board of Fire Control approves the increase of twenty and two tenths mills (20.3) mills to twenty-one and five tenths (21.5) mills in addition to the sixteen (16) mills millage limitation authorized by Act No. 67 of 1965, for a total millage of thirty-six and three tenths (37.5) mills, which represents a millage increase from last year's ad valorem property tax millage levy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the South Greenville Board of Fire Control requests that Greenville County Council approve, by resolution, the modification to the millage limitation authorized by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the millage rate authorized by this Resolution and effectuated pursuant to the provisions of S. C. Code Ann. 6-11-275, as amended, is effective only for the tax year 2015 – 2016.

DONE IN MEETING THIS 4 DAY OF May, 2015.

  
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Vice-Chairman, South Greenville Board of Fire Control