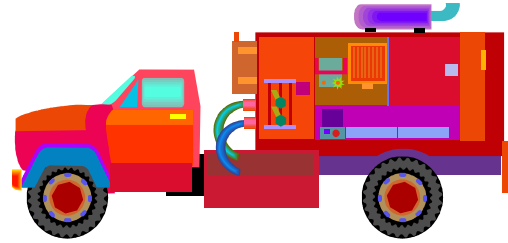


Foothills Fire Service Area
Post Office Box 231
Landrum, South Carolina 29356



August 11, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Hensley:

Upon receiving the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, KREZ435 tax data for the Foothills Fire Service Area, (FFSA), the commissioners voted on an increase of 0.2 mills from 11.1 to 11.3 mills. This increase will give FFSA a millage of 11.3 mills which is within the millage cap of 2.04% for Greenville County. This projected income for calendar year 2017 is \$37,3070 with a millage rate of 11.3 mills or \$0.0113. Using this income, the 2016 to 2017 budget is expected to be as follows:

	FFSA Budget 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017		
Balance Forwarded			\$32,665
Expenses			
	Tryon Fire Department	\$43,600	
	Annual Audit	\$2,000	
	Administrative Expenses	\$200	
	Total		\$45,800
Income			
	Estimated Tax income with 11.3 millage	\$37,107	
	Estimated Interest income	\$200	
	Total		\$37,307
Final Balance (Reserve Fund)			\$24,172

This budget leaves the FFSA with a reserve of \$24,172 which is 52% of the total budget.

This millage increase and budget was agreed on July 28, 2016, at a public meeting in the Tryon Fire Department, (TFD), and approved by all five members of the commission. The two reasons for the change that effect the FFSA expenses: the TFD payments were increased from \$34,500 to \$43,600⁽¹⁾ as per the contract between the County of Greenville and the Town of Tryon and the increase of the assessment in Greenville County.

These \$43,600 in funds are to be distributed to the Town of Tryon, NC, in the amounts of \$10,900 in 4 quarterly increments on the last business day of September, December, March, and June of that fiscal year⁽¹⁾. Please let me know if you need any further information.

Very truly yours,

Richard Locke

Richard Locke, Chair Commissioner, Foothills Fire Service Area

Joe Dill, Greenville County Council;
 Jill Kinitigh, Greenville County Treasurer;
 Scott Case, Greenville County Auditor;
 Mark Tollison, Greenville County Attorney

Note (1): Contract between Greenville County and the Town of Tryon, NC, dated December 1991.