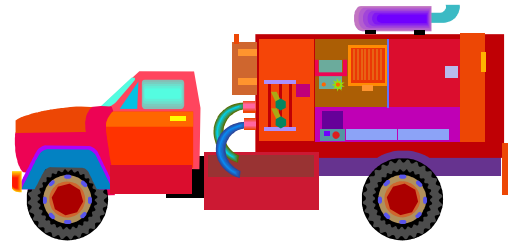


**Foothills Fire Service Area  
 Post Office Box 231  
 Landrum, South Carolina 29356**



July 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Hensley:

Upon receiving the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, KREZ435 tax data for the Foothills Fire Service Area, (FFSA), the commissioners noticed a deficit of \$3787 between the amount taxes collected and the expenses expended. The commissioners voted on an increase of a total of 13.4 mils. This will be done in two steps. The commissioners recommend a millage increase 0.3 mils from 11.3 to 11.6 mils which is an increase of 2.91% within Greenville County's cap. The commissioners also recommend a surcharge millage increase of 1.8 mils to cover the deficiency. The first purpose listed in SC ST SEC 6-1-320 for exceeding the millage rate set by the Office of Research and Statistics of the State Budget and Control Board is to overcome deficits. Using this income, the 2017 to 2018 budget is expected to be as follows:

FFSA Budget 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018		
Balance Forwarded		\$37,502
Expenses		
	Tryon Fire Department	\$44,000
	Annual Audit	\$2,000
	Administrative Expenses	\$200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,200</b>
Income		
	Estimated Tax income with 11.6 millage	\$42,339
	Estimated Tax income with 1.8 millage	\$6,570
	Estimated Interest income	\$200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,109</b>
Final Balance (Reserve Fund)		\$40,411

This budget leaves the FFSA with a reserve of \$40,410 which is 82% of the total budget. The FFSA commissioners noticed a deficit for the last two fiscal years.

This millage increase and budget was agreed on July 25, 2017, at a public meeting in the Tryon Fire Department, (TFD), and approved by all five members of the commission. This year the requirements of taxes to the Tryon Fire Department were effected by an increase of property assessment and a decrease in tax rate which cancelled a change.

These \$44,000 in funds are to be distributed to the Town of Tryon, NC, in the amounts of \$11,000 in 4 quarterly increments on the last business day of September, December, March, and June of that fiscal year<sup>(1)</sup>. 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.