



Committee on Finance
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Agenda Item No.: F-4 Meeting Date: August 7, 2017

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

To: Bob Taylor, Chairman, Committee on Finance

From: John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator

Department: General Services

Item Title: **Foothills Fire Service Area Agreement with Town of Tryon, NC**

Action Taken by Committee previously: County Council created the Foothills Fire Service Area by way of a contractual agreement with the Town of Tryon, NC, on January 1, 1992 and later amended on November 2, 1993. The Foothills Fire Service Area shall pay the Town of Tryon an annual fee based upon a set formula. County Council previously adopted Ordinance 4844 approving a 0.2 mill increase on October 4, 2016.

Motion Requested Today: Approval of a 2.1 mill increase which represents (a) a three-tenths (0.3) mill increase in the FSA's tax rate from 11.3 to 11.6 which equates to a CPI and population growth of 2.91% as allowed per Section 6-1-320A of the SC Code of Laws, and (b) an increase in the FSA's tax rate of one and eight-tenths (1.8) mills for the maintenance of a reserve as allowed per Section 6-1-320D of the SC Code of Laws.

Staff Recommendation: N/A

Impact of Action: Raises the FSA's millage rate 2.1 mills from 11.3 to 13.4 and represents an additional tax of \$16.80 on the owner of a \$200,000 home. The increase will cover the cost of fire protection service provided by the Town of Tryon, NC.

Funding Amount/Source: Ad Valorem Tax

Requested by: Foothills Fire Service Area

Staff Representative: John Hansley

Outside Representative: Richard Locke, Commission Chair, Foothills Fire Service Area

List of Attachments:

- Support Letter

7/27/2017
Date Submitted

8/3/2017 (JFH)
Approved by the County Administrator

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