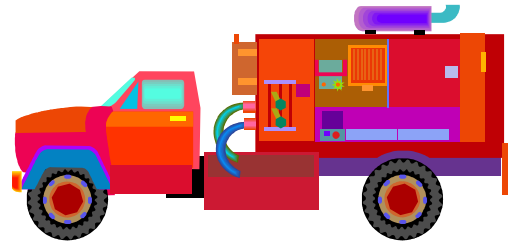


**Foothills Fire Service Area  
 Post Office Box 231  
 Landrum, South Carolina 29356**



July 24, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Hansley:

Upon receiving the July 12, 2018, KREZ435 tax data for the Foothills Fire Service Area, (FFSA), the commissioners noticed a deficit of \$23,206 between the amount taxes collected and the expenses to be expended. The reason for this difference is that Polk County Commissioners increased the tax rate from 6.7 to 10.6 cents per \$100 of property value which includes the Fire Department in town of Tryon. The FFSA commissioners voted on an increase of a total to 23.1 mills. This millage is required to supply the fee calculated in the contract between the Town of Tryon and the County of Greenville. 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 2018 to 2019 budget is expected to be as follows:

FFSA District 435 Fiscal Year: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

I. Funds Requirements:

Tryon Fire department	\$	71,225
Increase Reserve Fund	\$	7,000
FFSA Administrative Expense	\$	2,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>80,475</b>

II. Income Sources

Other Income	\$	300
Tax Collections Needed	\$	80,175
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>80,475</b>

III. Millage Required

Total Assessed Real Property	\$	3,474,989
Millage = Total Tax required/Adjusted assessed Value	\$	0.0231
Millage =		23.1 Mills

This budget leaves the FFSA with a reserve fund of about \$35,577 which is 44% of the total budget. This reserve percentage is lower than in previous years.

This millage increase and budget was agreed on July 24, 2018, 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 affected by an increase of property tax rate by Polk County.

These \$71,225 in funds are to be distributed to the Town of Tryon, NC, in the amounts of \$17,806.25 in 4 quarterly increments on the last business day or earlier 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.