



Committee on Finance

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## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Agenda Item No.: F-4 Meeting Date: August 21, 2018

### REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

To: Bob Taylor, Chairman, Committee on Finance

From: John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator

Department: General Services

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**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 4936 approving a 2.1 mill increase on September 19, 2017.

**Motion Requested Today:** Approval of a 9.7 mill increase which represents (a) a five-tenths (0.5) mill increase in the FSA's tax rate which equates to a CPI and population growth of 3.69% as allowed per Section 6-1-320(A) of the SC Code of Laws, (b) an increase in the FSA's tax rate of two (2.0) mills for the maintenance of a reserve as allowed per Section 6-1-320(D), and (c) an increase of seven and two-tenths (7.2) mills as allowed per Section 6-1-320(B) to cover a deficit in the County's contractual obligation to the Town of Tryon.

**Staff Recommendation:** N/A

**Impact of Action:** Raises the FSA's millage rate 9.7 mills from 13.4 to 23.1 and represents an additional tax of \$77.60 on the owner of a \$200,000 home. The increase will cover the cost of fire protection service provided contractually by the Town of Tryon, NC.

**Funding Amount/Source:** Ad Valorem Tax

**Requested by:** Foothills Fire Service Area Board of Fire Control

**Staff Representative:** John Hansley

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

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**List of Attachments:**

- Support Letter

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7/25/2018  
Date Submitted

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8/16/2018 (JFH)  
Approved by the County Administrator

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