



# *South Greenville Fire District*

*“Caring for our Community”*

May 11, 2022

Honorable Willis Meadows  
Chairman, County Council

Honorable Dan Tripp  
Chairman, Finance Committee

Greenville County Council  
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601

RE: SOUTH GREENVILLE AREA FIRE DISTRICT

Dear Chairman Meadows and Mr. Tripp:

The South Greenville Area Fire District, South Carolina (the “District”) was created and established as a body politic and corporate, pursuant to Act No. 67 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1965, as amended. The District is located wholly in the County and was established for the purpose of providing fire protection services within the District.

The District’s readiness and training meets a high standard for fire service provision, and we currently maintain an ISO rating of 2/2Y. The District continues to find the most cost-effective solutions to provide for increasing operational costs, replacing outdated equipment, and providing additional facilities. FY2022 operational, capital and debt service expenditures are projected at approximately \$5.9 million. The current millage for the District is 40.1 mills for operations and 1.5 mills for debt service.

The District Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) strives to ensure that the people in the District have the best possible service provided to our constituents at the lowest cost to them from our organization. Due to the growing service requirements and need to replace outdated equipment, as well as achieving and maintaining competitive compensation for our employees, the Commission approved at its May 9, 2022, meeting

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to request approval from County Council for a 2.4 mill increase in the operational millage. This represents the amount allowed under the current CPI and population increase.

We would like to make you aware of the following:

- The District covers approximately 83.2 square miles and is staffed by sixty-three (63) paid firefighters, one (1) administrative staff and seven (7) communication professionals. The District serves an approximate daytime / nighttime population of 100,000 and 80,000 respectively. This population includes approximately 10,500 households and 385 businesses.
- The District maintains Standard Operating Procedures & Guidelines, which also include Procurement, Accounting, Financial Management, Reimbursement and Bond Compliance Policies.
- The *most important reason* for this request is to continue to provide superior services to our constituents.

Attached you will find a Five-Year Revenue and Expenditure Projection, including our Capital Improvement Program, the Resolution adopted by the Board; and the Fire District Millage Request Application. Please review the attached information and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your continued support and consideration for the District.

Very truly yours,

James A. Darby  
Chairman of Commission

Matthew S. Sutherland  
Fire Chief

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Attachments

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