



Fire District Millage Request Application
Contact Information

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Financial Operations

Please Check One of the Following Options:

- Our district is seeking to maintain our current millage rate
 Our district is seeking a millage rate increase
 Our district is seeking bond, lease purchase transaction approval

FD Annual Budget \$3,910,00.00 Value of One Mill \$60,014.00
FD Current Millage Rate 74.4 Value of Total Millage \$4,465,041.60
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) \$4,957,759.00
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) _____

Staffing

Deployable:
Number of Paid Firefighters 33 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 8
Non-Deployable:
Number of Administrative Staff 1 Communications 0

*For the following financial measurements, please provide a dollar amount.
(Any additional pertinent information can be detailed in an attached sheet.)*

Debt Service \$351,544
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses \$3,910,660
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings _____
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? Last debt service millage request was greater than ten years. The District does not request operating millage from County as District's Board does not require County Council approval to make those decisions.

Was your request granted? N/A

If so, please detail your accomplishments with the additional revenue? (You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

Performance Data

ISO Rating 1
 Population Served (daytime) 25000
 Number of Households 6000

Year Rating Received 11/2016
 Population Served (nighttime) 20000
 Number of Businesses 614

Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) 3090
 Number of Structure Fires 52
 Number of Medical Calls 1980
 Number of Vehicle Fires 16
 Number Mutual Aid Calls Sent 93
 Number of Hazmat Calls 14

Number of MVA's 254
 Number of Brush Fires 47
 Number of Public Service Calls 717
 Number Mutual Aid Calls Rec'd 60
 Number of Rescue Calls 9

*For the following questions, please circle or highlight "Y" for Yes or "N" for No.
 (Any additional pertinent information may be provided in a separate sheet.)*

- Is your district registered with the State Firefighter Mobilization? Y / N
- Does your district participate in the South Carolina Fire Incident Reporting System? Y / N
- Is your district in compliance with the SC Firefighter Registration Act? Y / N
- Does your district meet requirements of OSHA Standard 1910.30 for Infectious Disease Control? Y / N
- Does your district perform annual SCBA fit testing on all active personnel? Y / N
- Do your district's firefighters meet minimum OSHA training requirements? Y / N
- Does your district perform annual testing on all ground and aerial ladders to meet NFPA standard? Y / N
- Does your district meet all NIMS requirements? Y / N
- Does your district have a fire prevention program? Y / N
- Does your district have a Fire Safety inspection program? Y / N
- Does your district have a pre-fire plan program? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum hose testing requirements? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum pump testing requirements? Y / N
- Does your department meet minimum apparatus requirements? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum equipment on apparatus requirements? Y / N
- Does your district have a preventive maintenance program for your apparatus? Y / N
- Does your district provide physicals to all members? Y / N
- Do all of your members meet the minimum training requirements for their specific job titles? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum communication requirements? Y / N
- Does your district meet Narrow Band Requirements? Y / N
- Does your district house an EMS vehicle? Y / N

For the following questions, please provide the more detailed information necessary to understand the complexities for your district. You may attach separate sheets as necessary to fully answer the questions.

1. Please describe any businesses or structures which require special equipment or represent potentially dangerous calls.

Kel Chemical- chemicals
Booth Electrical- houses hazardous material
Duke Energy- transfer stations throughout District
Mosaic- confined space vessels

Multiple large structures requiring aerial equipment
District border large body of water
Larger apartment complex with 3 stories

2. Please list any mutual aid agreements or operational or resource sharing agreements your district participates in with other fire districts.

State-wide Mutual Aid
County- wide Mutual Aid
Automatic Aid with Duncan Chapel FD, North Greenville FD, Parker District FD
Greenville County ERT Response Agreement
Training Facility Sharing Agreement

3. Please describe how, if at all, the requested millage increase will impact your district's ISO ratings.

No millage increase requested
Millage on hand is necessary to maintain current ISO rating

4. Please describe the tax-exempt properties in your district and the services you provide to these entities.

All schools, churches, county parks- large complexes with potential high-risk situations

Please assign a priority rating to your millage increase request from the following options: no increase requested

Priority 1: Without the increase, we cannot continue to provide the level of service that we are giving currently. Our ISO ratings could be affected negatively. The need is dire.

Priority 2: Without the increase, we cannot purchase needed equipment to improve the level of service we are currently giving. ISO ratings may or may not be improved. This priority level also allows for needed specialty equipment to be acquired.

Priority 3: Without the increase, we can continue to provide excellent service to our district, but the increase will allow us to improve our operation in an exemplary way. ISO ratings may potentially be improved.

Opportunity for Council person(s) statement:

I, _____, County Council representative to this fire district, **Support / Do Not Support** this request.

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Please include with your application the following documents:

- A formal letter from the Commission stating the intentions to either maintain or increase millage;
- Last year's financial audit;
- A five-year plan (spreadsheet) showing projected revenues as well as operating and capital expenditures;
- Any background information necessary to justify the need of a millage increase; and
- A signed resolution from the governing body approving the operating/capital plan and millage increase.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

PETITION

PETITION OF BEREA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO TITLE 6, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 5, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED.

1. Berea Public Service District, South Carolina (the "*District*") was created and established as a body politic and corporate, pursuant to Act No. 848 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1954, as amended. The District is located wholly in Greenville County, South Carolina (the "*County*") and was established for the purpose of providing fire protection services within the District.

2. In carrying out its functions and duties, the Berea Public Service Commission (the "*Commission*"), the governing body of the District, has determined that the need exists for the acquisition of an aerial fire truck, a pumper fire truck, a rescue fire truck, other vehicles and various items of equipment for the District (collectively, the "*Improvements*").

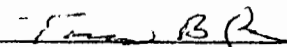
It is presently estimated that the cost of the Improvements will amount to not exceeding \$3,000,000. The Commission has determined to finance the cost of the Improvements to the extent permissible under its general obligation debt limit, as established by Article X, Section 14(7) of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended, and to defray the remaining costs of the Improvements with available funds of the District.

3. The County Council (the "*Council*") of the County, as the governing body of the County, is empowered by Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "*Enabling Act*"), to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act.

4. Pursuant to the Enabling Act, if the Council, upon petition of the Commission, determines that it is in the best interest of the District to raise moneys for the furtherance of any power and function of the District, the Council may order a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District in one or more separate bond issues.

5. In order to finance the cost of the Improvements, the Commission has determined that it is necessary to issue not exceeding \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the District in one or more separate bond issues (such principal amount not to exceed the then-applicable debt limit of the District) and has adopted a Resolution to evidence such approval and to authorize this petition to the Council requesting that said Council order a public hearing to be held on the question of the issuance of not exceeding \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the District in one or more separate bond issues.

Therefore, the District requests that the Council order a public hearing to be held in the County on the question of authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the District in one or more separate bond issues without an election.


Chairman, Berea Public Service Commission


Secretary, Berea Public Service Commission

September 28, 2022

BEREA PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

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FIRE CHIEF:
Gary J. Brock

October 3, 2022

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

RE: BEREA PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Honorable Chairman Meadows and Greenville County Council:

The Berea Public Service District, South Carolina (the "District") was created and established as a body politic and corporate, pursuant to Act No. 848 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1954, as amended. The District is located wholly in the County and provides fire protection services within the District.

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Pursuant to the Enabling Act, the District Board of Fire Control (the "Board") hereby petitions the Council to approve a public hearing and approve the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023 (the "2023 Bonds"). The proposed 2023 Bonds will be used for the costs associated with the 2023 Bonds, which includes, but is not limited to, the acquisition of two or more fire apparatus, various items of equipment for the apparatus.

The District's readiness and training meets a high standard for fire service provision, and we currently maintain an ISO 1 class rating. The District continues to find the most cost-effective solutions to provide for increasing operational costs, replacing outmoded equipment, and providing additional facilities. FY2022 - 2023 operational, capital and debt service expenditures are projected at approximately \$4.3 million.

The District's operating millage is projected at 69.4 mills for fire and the debt service millage has ranged from 5 - 7.2 mills over recent years. No additional millage is requested. The District has sufficient debt capacity under its 8% debt limit for the proposed 2023 Bonds.

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October 3, 2022
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We would like to make you aware of the following:

- The District covers approximately 18.5 square miles and is staffed by 33 paid firefighters (including the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief), 8 volunteer firefighters and one administrative professional. The District serves an approximate daytime / nighttime population of 25,000 and 20,000 respectively. This population includes approximately 6,000 households, 614 commercial establishments and ten industrial facilities.
- The District maintains Standard Operating Procedures & Guidelines, which also include Procurement, Accounting, Financial Management and Reimbursement Policies.
- The *most important reason* for these improvements is to improve upon the services that we provide our citizens.

Attached you will find the Petition Resolution, the Fire District Millage Request Application, and the FY21 Audited Financial Statements. 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,

Gary Brock
Chief

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Brock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Attachments