



Committee on Finance
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Agenda Item No.: F- 5 Meeting Date: August 7, 2023

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

To: Butch Kirven, Chairman, Committee on Finance

From: Nicole Wood, Assistant County Administrator

Department: General Services

Item Title: **Foothills Fire Service Area with the Town of Tyron, 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 5445 approving a .4 mill increase on October 4, 2022.

Motion Requested Today: Foothills Fire Service Area requests adoption of a Resolution approving a millage increase in the Service Area's tax rate of six tenths mills (.6 mills) from 19.9 mills to 20.5 mills to pay the Town of Tyron, NC upcoming contract for service. The requested rate increase represents CPI and population growth as allowed per Section 6-1-320 (A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws for FY 2024. The increase is needed due to Polk County, NC passed a 1 cent per \$100 property tax increase for the fire department.

Staff Recommendation: N/A

Impact of Action: Raises the FSA's millage rate .6 mills from 19.9 mills to 20.5 mills and represents an additional tax of \$5.00 on the owner of a \$200,000 home. The increase will cover the cost of fire protection serviced provided by the Town of Tyron, NC.

Funding Amount/Source: Total .6 mills requested / Ad Valorem Tax

Requested by: Foothills Fire Service Area

Staff Representative: N/A

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

List of Attachments:

- Cover Letter
- District Resolution of Support
- Enabling Legislation

7/28/2023
Date Submitted

8/03/2023 (NW)
Approved by the County Administrator

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