



May 3, 2024

Greenville County Council
Greenville County
301 University Ridge, Suite 4000
Greenville, SC 29601

RE: Mauldin Fire Service Area Millage Increase Request

Honorable Chairman Tripp and Members of Greenville County Council:

As you know, the City of Mauldin and Greenville County have for many years now partnered to provide superior fire service coverage to the residents and businesses within the Mauldin Fire Service Area. Through this partnership, we have purchased new equipment, built a new fire station headquarters, and delivered the resources needed to maintain the City's and FSA's ISO 1 rating. However, as we evaluate staffing levels for the future and service demands currently faced, we believe Mauldin Fire Department staffing levels must increase to provide a workforce trained and ready to serve the FSA when the bell tolls.

To meet our growing demand for public safety services within the City and throughout the FSA, Mauldin City Council has begun the process of adopting a 6 mill tax increase for City residents and businesses as part of the FY2025 Budget. Mauldin City Council is also seeking a 3 mill tax increase in the FSA to share in the cost of increasing fire department personnel to meet our growing demand. With both of these increases, the City will invest in hiring 4 police officers, 3 firefighters, and 4 staff members for our sanitation and public works programs. The 3 mill tax increase request from the FSA will specifically and only be used to hire 3 firefighters and purchase all required equipment to support the operations of our new quick response vehicles (QRVs).

In 2023, the City began purchasing and outfitting 2 quick response vehicles to provide more flexible medical emergency services throughout the FSA and City. These vehicles will be stocked with various medical equipment and will be deployed to medical scenes more efficiently and at lower cost than deploying a full engine. This ultimately will save on the wear and tear of larger, more expensive apparatus and will enhance the capabilities of the department. These new vehicles are currently being outfitted and should be operational at about the same time these new firefighters are hired.

As you know, growth throughout the FSA is unabating and will likely continue for many years. The County recently approved new developments along Ashmore Bridge Road and Log Shoals Road. These new developments will require the addition of new personnel to not only provide services, but to help maintain the FSA's ISO 1 rating. The largest of these new communities will be an age-targeted development, which by nature will demand increased services. This is why the City is not only focused on increasing its departmental workforce, but also beginning to identify locations for a new fire station in the FSA. The City hopes to purchase or be donated a tract of land in sufficient proximity to these new developments to construct the department's 5th station. Once built, the new station will need to be outfitted with personnel and equipment. The City forecasts that this new station will need to be built and operational by no later than 2030.





The City's request for a millage increase does not come lightly or without forethought of the impact on the FSA taxpayers. It is estimated that based on an owner-occupied median home value of \$220,000, the increase of 3 mills will cost approximately \$26.47 per year or about \$2.21 per month. Again, this increase for the hiring of 3 new firefighters will enhance the department's capabilities and ensure the FSA's and City's able to maintain an ISO 1 rating.

To further illustrate and document this request, attached are the following documents:

- Map of the Department's stations in FSA and City, and recent new developments in FSA
- Updated five-year financial model for the Department
- Updated five-year Department CIP
- Draft Resolution by City Council (will be approved on May 20th)
- Fire District Millage Request Application

In closing, the City remains a dedicated partner to the County and surrounding FSAs to provide superior fire protection services, medical response, and education to save lives and protect property. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and we look forward to speaking with you more about the department's future and how we can work together to enhance the quality of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Seth Duncan', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Seth Duncan
City Administrator

Mauldin Fire Service Area

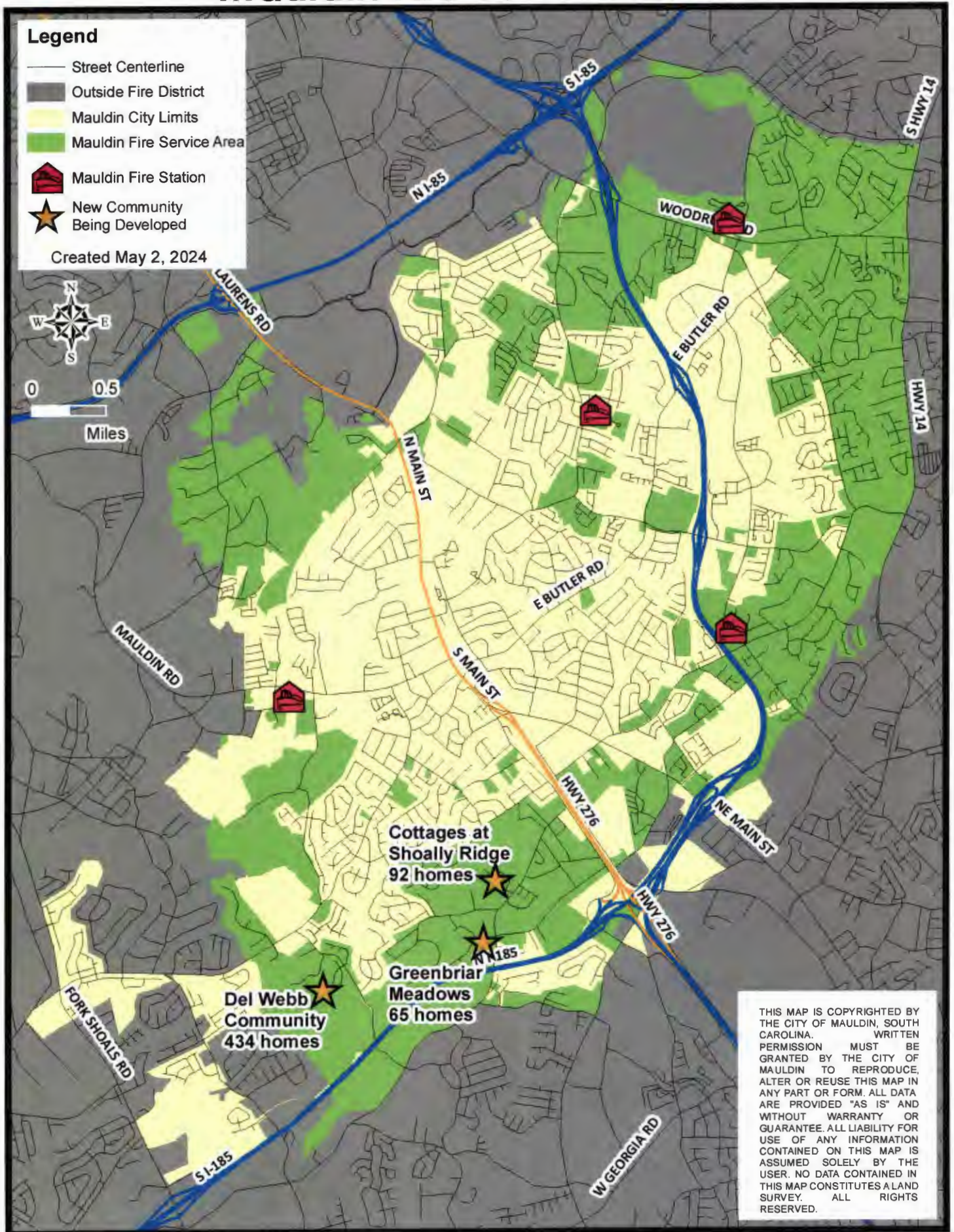
Legend

- Street Centerline
- ▬ Outside Fire District
- ▬ Mauldin City Limits
- ▬ Mauldin Fire Service Area
- 🏠 Mauldin Fire Station
- ★ New Community Being Developed

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City of Mauldin, South Carolina
Mauldin Fire Department
Projected Revenues, Operating and Capital Expenditures

		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
		Actual	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Projections				
Revenue									
Fire Service Area Tax Revenue	2.0%	\$2,833,169	\$2,744,998	\$2,908,500	\$2,966,870	\$3,026,003	\$3,086,523	\$3,148,254	\$3,211,219
City Contribution	2.0%	\$1,787,219	\$2,225,301	\$2,680,350	\$2,733,927	\$2,788,936	\$2,844,409	\$2,901,297	\$2,959,323
Fire Protection Contracts	2.0%	\$9,550	\$9,550	\$9,550	\$9,741	\$9,936	\$10,135	\$10,337	\$10,544
Fire Personal Property Taxes	2.0%			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire - Delinquent	2.0%			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Merchant Inventory	2.0%			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Motor Carrier	2.0%			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other									
Total Fire Department Revenue		\$4,829,938	\$4,979,849	\$5,598,400	\$5,710,368	\$5,824,975	\$5,941,067	\$6,059,888	\$6,181,086
Expenses									
Personnel Expenses									
Salaries and Wages	3.00%	\$2,650,896	\$2,970,510	\$3,257,500	\$3,355,225	\$3,455,882	\$3,559,558	\$3,666,345	\$3,776,335
Volunteer Expense			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Overtime			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Social Security		\$198,059	\$227,244	\$250,000	\$257,500	\$265,225	\$273,182	\$281,377	\$289,819
State Retirement		\$536,654	\$630,936	\$727,000	\$748,810	\$771,274	\$794,413	\$818,245	\$842,792
Group Insurance		\$507,286	\$493,948	\$557,900	\$574,637	\$591,876	\$609,632	\$627,921	\$646,759
Workers Compensation		\$121,960	\$153,011	\$147,500	\$151,925	\$156,483	\$161,177	\$166,013	\$170,993
Total Personnel Services		\$4,014,854	\$4,475,649	\$4,939,900	\$5,088,097	\$5,240,740	\$5,397,962	\$5,559,901	\$5,726,698
Operating Expenses	3.00%	Escalation Applied 2020 & Thereafter							
Insurance - General		\$51,240	\$62,380	\$79,500	\$81,885	\$84,342	\$86,872	\$89,478	\$92,162
Contracts and Services		\$82,084	\$52,782	\$77,000	\$79,310	\$81,689	\$84,140	\$86,664	\$89,264
Dues & Subscription		\$425	\$1,105	\$1,500	\$1,845	\$1,991	\$1,639	\$1,688	\$1,739
Employee Training		\$13,890	\$32,000	\$33,000	\$33,990	\$35,010	\$36,060	\$37,142	\$38,256
Gas & Oil		\$86,651	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$77,250	\$79,568	\$81,955	\$84,413	\$86,946
Repairs & Maintenance		\$172,797	\$97,000	\$105,000	\$108,150	\$111,395	\$114,738	\$118,178	\$121,724
Non-Capital Equipment		\$42,294	\$40,400	\$54,500	\$56,135	\$57,819	\$59,554	\$61,340	\$63,180
Supplies		\$26,648	\$41,650	\$60,000	\$61,800	\$63,654	\$65,564	\$67,531	\$69,556
Telephone		\$66,689	\$37,015	\$38,125	\$39,269	\$40,447	\$41,661	\$42,911	\$44,198
Uniforms		\$21,409	\$28,000	\$29,000	\$29,870	\$30,766	\$31,689	\$32,640	\$33,619
Utilities		\$48,346	\$47,618	\$73,000	\$75,190	\$77,446	\$79,769	\$82,162	\$84,627
Other Expenses		\$2,811	\$4,250	\$32,875	\$33,861	\$34,877	\$35,923	\$37,001	\$38,111
Total Operating Expenses		\$615,084	\$504,200	\$668,500	\$678,255	\$696,803	\$719,561	\$741,148	\$763,382
Total Personnel & Operating Expenses		\$4,829,938	\$4,979,849	\$5,598,400	\$5,766,352	\$5,939,343	\$6,117,523	\$6,301,049	\$6,490,080
Net Operating Revenues		\$0	\$0	(\$80)	(\$56,984)	(\$114,768)	(\$176,456)	(\$241,161)	(\$308,995)

FORWARD LOOKING ANALYSIS.

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Mauldin Fire Department
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	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	Actual	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Projections				
Net Operating Revenues	\$0	\$0	(\$0)	(\$55,984)	(\$114,768)	(\$176,456)	(\$241,161)	(\$308,995)
Prepaid Fire Equipment								
FSA General Obligation Bonds								
Series 2016B	\$181,250	\$96,300	\$98,750	\$101,050	\$99,150	\$102,250		
Series 2020	\$208,300	\$209,250	\$205,050	\$205,850	\$206,500	\$207,000	\$207,350	\$207,550
Series								
Series								
Total FSA GO Debt Service	\$389,550	\$305,550	\$303,800	\$306,900	\$305,650	\$309,250	\$207,350	\$207,550
FSA Millage Adjustment								
Operating Millage	25.4	25.4	25.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4
Operating Millage Adjustment Effective 2025			28.4					
Debt Service Millage	3.6	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
General Obligation Millage Adjustment for FY 2025								
Operating and Debt Service Millage	29.0	27.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7
Millage Increase Requested Based Upon Value of Mill								
FSA Millage Limitation								
CPI Adjustment (%)	4.70%	8.00%	4.12%					
Population Growth Adjustment (%)	1.30%	2.51%	1.86%					
Operating Millage Adjustment	1.52	2.91	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating and Debt Service Millage	27.7	27.70	30.70	30.70	30.70	30.70	30.70	30.70
Debt/GO Portion								
Millage Increase Requested Based Upon [REDACTED] Value of Mill	29.0	27.7	30.7	30.70	30.70	30.70	30.70	30.70
Impact on Property with a market value of \$220,000		\$243.76	\$270.16	\$270.16	\$270.16	\$270.16	\$270.16	\$270.16
Additional Information								
City Obligations								
Series 2016	\$201,600	\$203,100	\$204,500	\$200,800	\$212,100	\$208,100	\$209,100	
Series 2021	\$427,900	\$429,900	\$429,400	\$430,600	\$431,400	\$431,800	\$431,800	\$431,400
Series								
Series								
Total City GO Debt Service	\$629,500	\$633,000	\$633,900	\$631,400	\$643,500	\$639,900	\$640,900	\$431,400

FORWARD LOOKING ANALYSIS.

Overview of 5 Year Capital Improvement Program

Category	Dept Name	Item	Description & Justification	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
Public Safety	Fire	Fire Apparatus: Rescue truck	Replaces 2004 unit. Unit has approximately 97,000 actual miles & 210,000 engine hours.			\$ 700,000.00		
Public Safety	Fire	Firefighter Gear Replacement	Reserve amount to purchase - NFPA mandates gear replacement at 10 year interval				\$ 258,500.00	\$ 258,500.00
Public Safety	Fire	Station Cascade System	Replace stationary cascade system - 30 years old.	\$ 100,000.00				
Public Safety	Fire	Fire Station New HQ Plymovent System	Fire Station New HQ Plymovent System	\$ 45,000.00				
Public Safety	Fire	Repairs to façade and interior Station 47	Update the façade and interior for Station 47	\$ 40,000.00				
Public Safety	Fire	Hose/Gear dryer	Hose/Gear dryer	\$ 18,000.00				
Public Safety	Fire	Turn out gear Washer/ Extractor	Replacement washer/extractor for turnout gear to remove cancer causing contaminants					\$ 18,000.00
Public Safety	Fire	Fire MDT Computers	Fire MDT Computers			\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Public Safety	Fire	Fire Apparatus: Pumper	Additional engine added to the fleet in anticipation of continued annexation and growth.			\$ 720,000.00		
Public Safety	Fire	Add 5th fire station	A new Fire station will be needed to deal with the growth of the City		\$ 4,000,000.00			
Public Safety	Fire	Replace Heart Monitor	Replace Lifepak 15 Heart Monitor				\$ 44,000.00	\$ 45,300.00
Public Safety	Fire	HVAC System Fire Station HQ	HVAC System Fire Station HQ					\$ 16,000.00
Public Safety	Fire	HVAC System Fire Station 3	HVAC System Fire Station 3					\$ 14,000.00
TOTAL		TOTAL		\$ 203,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 1,429,000.00	\$ 312,500.00	\$ 383,800.00

RESOLUTION _____-2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A FIVE-YEAR OPERATING AND CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE MAULDIN FIRE SERVICE AREA, GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the City of Mauldin (“City”) has a contract with Greenville County (“County”) to provide fire suppression and other fire protection related services to county residents residing outside the City limits (“Fire Service Area”); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the required services to meet the requirements of the contract and to meet the fire protection needs to the residents of the Fire Service Area, certain operating improvements (“Operations Plan”) and capital must be enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the proper planning and management for the provision of fire services in the Fire Service Area requires long-range planning to ensure personnel needs and capital equipment are adequate and sufficient to provide for the growth and demand; and

WHEREAS, the City has found it necessary to increase personnel to respond to calls for service as call volume is increasing significantly in the Fire Service Area due to rapid population growth; and

WHEREAS, a primary factor in keeping the City’s and Fire Service Area’s ISO 1 rating is adequate staffing levels, therefore this increase is dedicated to supporting 3 new fire fighter positions which will result in:

- Deployment of the City’s recently purchased Quick Response Vehicles;
- Maintaining the highest ISO rating of a 1 resulting in potential savings to homeowner’s insurance premiums;
- Enhance medical and fire response throughout the FSA;
- Reduce response times for call for services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mauldin City Council approves a five-year Operations and Capital Plan for the Fire Service Area that is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

Terry W. Merritt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Miller, Municipal Clerk

Introduced by: _____

Reviewed:

Seth Duncan, City Administrator



Fire District Millage Request Application

Contact Information

District Name: Mauldin Fire Service Area - Mauldin Fire Department State FDID Number 23316
Fire Chief's Name Brian McHone Email: bmchone@mauldinfire.com
Mailing Address P.O. Box 249 City, State, Zip Mauldin, SC 29662
Contact Person's Name: Seth Duncan, City Administrator Email: sduncan@mauldincitysc.com
Address: 5 E. Butler Road City, State, Zip Mauldin, SC 29662
Phone: 864-775-0338 Fax: _____

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 approval

FD Annual Budget \$4,979,849 Value of One Mill \$112,000
FD Current Millage Rate 27.7 Value of Total Millage 2,768,600
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) \$2,842,719
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) 3000
Number of Paid Firefighters 56 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 0

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

Debt Service City: \$663,000 FSA: \$305,550
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)
Operating Expenses \$4,979,849
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)
Reserve/Savings 0
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)
When did your district last request a millage increase? 2020
Was your request granted? Yes
If so, please detail your accomplishments with the additional revenue? (You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

In 2020, the County and City issued bonds for the construction of a new Fire Station Headquarters and for the purchase of three new apparatus. The new station is built and operational.

Performance Data

ISO Rating 1
 Population Served (daytime) 20000 (FSA) 26237 (city)
 Number of Households 6500 (FSA) 11445 (city)

Year Rating Received 2019
 Population Served (nighttime) 16000 (FSA) 27789 (city)
 Number of Businesses 828 (FSA) 952 (city)

Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) 1544 (FSA) 3318 (City)

Number of Structure Fires 5 (FSA) 28 (City)
 Number of Medical Calls 852 (FSA) 1854 (City)
 Number of Vehicle Fires 7 (FSA) 9 (City)

Number of MVA's 194 (FSA) 283 (City)
 Number of Brush Fires 13 (FSA) 20 (City)
 Number of Mutual Aid Calls 63

*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.

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

Greenville County Mutual Aid Agreement
Automatic Aid Agreements: Belmont, South Greenville, Clear Springs and Boiling Springs Fire Department

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

We are currently a ISO 1 and during the last evaluation, we scored low on our personnel count. This millage increase will allow the department to hire, train and equip three new firefighters. As more and more development comes online in the FSA and City, Mauldin Fire Department will continue to increase staffing to maintain our ISO rating and to ensure the public is protected with this vital service.

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

There are several schools, non-profits, and other users that are tax-exempt and rely upon Mauldin Fire's critical services. Increasing personnel will allow the department to be trained and ready to serve these locations.

Priority 1

Please assign a priority rating to your millage increase request from the following options:

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.

All applications should be mailed or emailed to:
Greenville County Finance Committee
Attn: John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400
Greenville, SC 29601

or

jhansley@greenvillecountv.org