

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE MILLAGE OR FEE RATE TO BE LEVIED BY CERTAIN SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED FOR LIGHTING PURPOSES; INCLUDING THE BRUTONTOWN, MONAGHAN, RIVER OAK, WOODSIDE MILLS, BROADMOOR, AND WASHINGTON HEIGHTS SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, residents in many communities across Greenville County have petitioned Greenville County Council for the creation of special tax districts for street lighting purposes; and

WHEREAS, over the past four decades, County Council has approved ordinances establishing street lighting districts under the Home Rule authority set forth for county governments in S.C. Code Ann. §4-9-30(5); and

WHEREAS, the approved special tax districts in Broadmoor, Brutontown, Monaghan, River Oak, Washington Heights and Woodside require an increase in their respective special tax district assessments in order to keep pace with energy costs related to maintaining street lighting in those neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, these six special tax districts were established as administrative divisions of Greenville County where there shall annually be levied an ad valorem property tax millage or fee assessment on all real property within the Districts for the operation and maintenance of the street lighting; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds that continued funding of the cost of street lighting is necessary to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens in these special tax districts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1 Millage Levy/Fee Assessment

A. The millage levy or fee assessment for the following special tax districts are approved as follows:

- (1) Broadmoor: Greenville County Council hereby approves the Broadmoor Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) from forty-five fifty (\$45.50) to fifty dollars (\$50.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

- (2) Brutontown: Greenville County Council hereby approves the Brutontown Administrative Tax District fee increase for “unimproved property” upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The fee increase of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) from twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to fifty dollars (\$50.00) on unimproved property would be equal to the fee levied on improved property within the District and would fully cover the increased costs of street lighting within the District. “Improved real property” includes any property with either a residential, commercial, and/or institutional structure located on the parcel and all other real property is classified as “unimproved property”.
- (3) Monaghan: Greenville County Council hereby approves the Administrative Tax District millage increase for the upcoming tax year based on anticipated expenses for lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires an ad valorem millage levy for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a millage increase of eight and six tenths mills (8.6) to eight and seven tenths mills (8.7) mills to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting costs in the District.
- (4) River Oak: Greenville County Council hereby approves the Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of five dollars (\$5.00) from forty-five dollars (\$45.00) to fifty dollars (\$50.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.
- (5) Washington Heights: Greenville County Council hereby approves the Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax bill based on the anticipated expenses for lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of three dollars (\$3.00) from thirteen dollars (\$13.00) to sixteen dollars (\$16.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.
- (6) Woodside: Greenville County Council hereby approves the Administrative Tax District millage increase for the upcoming tax year based on anticipated expenses for lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires an ad valorem millage levy for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a millage increase of four and two tenths mills (4.2) to twelve and four tenths (12.4) mills to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting costs in the District.

B. The Auditor and Tax Collector of Greenville County are hereby directed to levy and collect taxes and fees in accordance with this Ordinance.

Section 3 Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS __ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Dan Tripp, Chairman
Greenville County Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council