

FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2016 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 19

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REVISING AND PRESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SIX (6) MILE FIRE INSURANCE DISTRICTS OF FORSYTH COUNTY FOR INSURANCE GRADING PURPOSES (EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT)

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: *J. Rendeen Watts, Jr. /cdh* DATE: December 14, 2016
COUNTYMANAGER

**RESOLUTION REVISING AND PRESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
SIX (6) MILE FIRE INSURANCE DISTRICTS OF FORSYTH COUNTY
FOR INSURANCE GRADING PURPOSES
(EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT)**

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2013, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution Prescribing The Boundaries Of The Six (6) Mile Fire Insurance Districts Of Forsyth County For Insurance Grading Purposes; and it is important to update the Fire Insurance District Maps to accommodate changes in surveyed boundaries; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 153A-233 authorizes counties to revise and prescribe the boundaries thereof for insurance grading purposes; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Insurance requires current mapping of fire insurance districts in order for property owners to be assigned the proper district and receive credit for rated service; and

WHEREAS, the maps are critical to property owners and insurance companies for assignment of the proper fire insurance district and protection class codes; and

WHEREAS, these revised maps have been reviewed and approved by the District Fire Chiefs, Forsyth County Fire Marshal's Office and the North Carolina Department of Insurance as shown on the attached acknowledgment; and

WHEREAS, once the updates are approved by the Commissioners, the resolution and maps are submitted to the N.C. Department of Insurance which will register the maps with the Insurance Services Office; and

WHEREAS, the reasons for the proposed 2016 fire insurance district updates are listed below:

- a. Amending the borders of fire insurance districts surrounding the Town of Walkertown based upon the parcel lines from the Tax Office;
- b. The City View and Talleys Crossing Fire Districts are working to complete the merger agreement authorized by resolution of the Board of Commissioners in August 2000 and as stated in the attached joint letter. The attached map reflects the combined fire insurance districts. This will allow the departments to staff, equip and meet the N.C. Department of Insurance grading standards as a single fire district as opposed to maintaining the duplicate requirements of two insurance districts. The two Boards plan to complete the full merger by June 30, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby revises and prescribes the boundaries of the six (6) mile fire insurance districts of Forsyth County for insurance grading purposes, as listed on Attachment A and shown on the attached maps, which are incorporated herein by reference as previously approved by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes, Section 153A-233.

Adopted this 19th day of December 2016.

T.L. Whicker
Fire Marshal's Office



Daniel L. Ozimek
Emergency Services Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Dan Ozimek, Director
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager
Davida Martin, County Attorney

From: T. L. Whicker 

Ref: Updates to the 2013 Forsyth County Fire Insurance District Maps



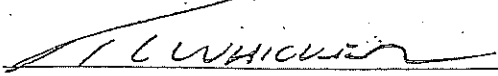
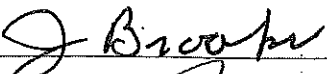
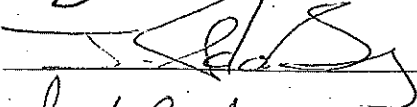
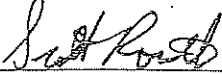
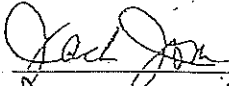

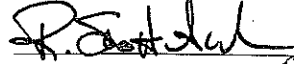
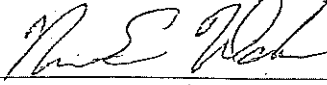
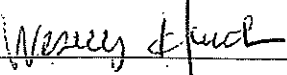
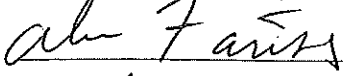
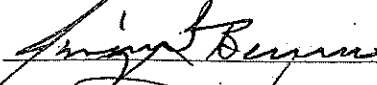
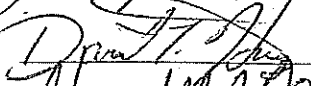

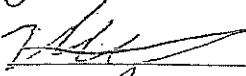
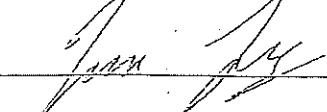
Date: October 23, 2016

The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners approved the first GIS Fire Insurance District Maps in 2013. It is important to update these maps on a regular basis in order to accommodate changes in surveyed boundaries, highway changes and development. The maps are critical to property owners and insurance companies for assignment of the proper fire insurance district and protection class codes. Once the updates are approved by the Commissioners, the resolution and maps are submitted to the N.C. Department of Insurance which will register the maps with the Insurance Services Office. The District Fire Chiefs have reviewed and approved the updates and the sign off sheet is attached. The act of updating the Fire Insurance District Maps will need to occur on a regular basis depending upon growth and changes. The primary reasons for the 2016 updates are listed below and I have included various supporting documents or examples. Please let me know if you have questions or a time to meet to discuss the request for updating maps.

1. Tax parcels and boundaries have changed over the past 3 years. MapForsyth maintains the 2013 fire insurance district map and has updated the boundaries based upon the surveyed tax parcel lines from the Tax Office. Reasons include land divisions, survey corrections, improved mapping technology and petitioned annexations.
2. The Town of Walkertown is now a municipal fire district and therefore the adjoining County fire insurance districts need to reflect this change and omit the Town of Walkertown from the rural fire districts. The boundaries of the Town of Walkertown are the Corporate Limits based upon the parcel lines from the Tax Office.
3. Property owners must be within 5 road miles of a rural fire station in order to receive credit for the improved insurance grade of the district. Changes in roadways and property access due to development, accesses that are change due to major highway projects such as the construction of I-74 or large tracts of land that are sold with new parcels being accessed from a different road of an adjoining districts can create travel distances in excess of 5 road miles. Adjusting the Fire Insurance District line affords the property owner the proper credit and potential for reduced insurance premiums.

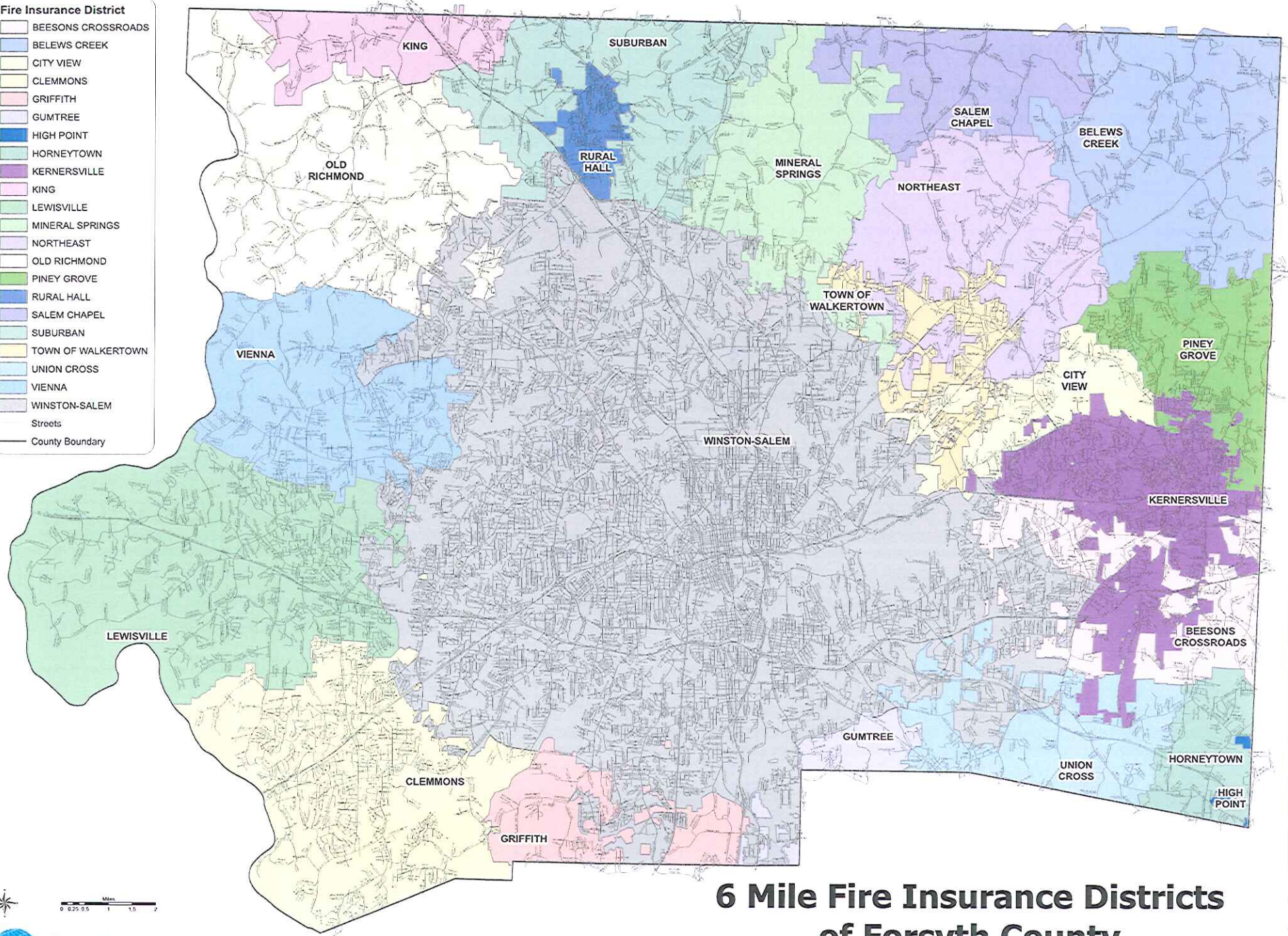
4. The City View and Talleys Crossing Fire Districts are working to complete the merger agreement as stated in the resolution by the Board of Commissioners in August 2000. The map reflects the combined fire insurance districts. This will allow the departments to staff, equip and meet the N.C. Department of Insurance grading standards as a single fire district as opposed to maintaining the duplicate requirements of two insurance districts. The two Boards plan to complete the full merger by June 30, 2017 and will be in contact with the County. These plans are consistent with past mergers in Forsyth County.

6 Mile Fire Insurance Districts of Forsyth County
2016 Map Updates

Name of Fire District	District Fire Chief Acknowledgement	Date
Beeson Crossroads		10-7-16
Belews Creek		10-7-16
City View / Talleys		10-7-16
Clemmons		10-7-16
Griffith		10/20/16
Gumtree		10-7-16
Horneytown		10-11-16
King		10/2/2016
Lewisville		10/18/16
Mineral Springs		10/12/2016
Northeast/Walkertown		10/25/16
Old Richmond		10-18-16
Piney Grove		10-19-16
Salem Chapel		10-20-16
Suburban/Rural Hall		10-18-16
Union Cross		10-12-16
Vienna		10-12-16

The map is produced by MapForsyth and follows surveyed parcel lines as provided by the Forsyth County Tax Office. The Fire Insurance Districts are not used for funding purposes. Maps must be approved by the Commissioners by resolution and are then submitted to the N.C. Department of Insurance for registration with the Insurance Service Office.

- Fire Insurance District**
- BEESONS CROSSROADS
 - BELEWS CREEK
 - CITY VIEW
 - CLEMMONS
 - GRIFFITH
 - GUMTREE
 - HIGH POINT
 - HORNEYTOWN
 - KERNERSVILLE
 - KING
 - LEWISVILLE
 - MINERAL SPRINGS
 - NORTHEAST
 - OLD RICHMOND
 - PINEY GROVE
 - RURAL HALL
 - SALEM CHAPEL
 - SUBURBAN
 - TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
 - UNION CROSS
 - VIENNA
 - WINSTON-SALEM
 - Streets
 - County Boundary



6 Mile Fire Insurance Districts of Forsyth County

Date of Map - December, 2016



City View Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

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Forsyth County Board of Commissioners
Mr. J. Dudley Watts, Jr., Manager
201 North Chestnut Street
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101

December 8, 2016

Dear Commissioners and Manager Watts,

The Board of Directors of the City View and Talleys Crossing Fire Districts are in the position to complete the elements of the Merger Agreement of 1999 and the Board of County Commissioners resolution of August 14, 2000.

In 1998 County Management ask the City View Volunteer Fire Department to take on the operations of the Talleys Crossing Fire District due to challenges in providing services as a result of annexations, meeting NCDOI rating requirements and reduced manpower. The City View Volunteer Fire Department agreed to do so and both departments entered into a merger agreement that was approved by the Fire Marshal's Office and the N.C.

Department of Insurance which had laid the ground work for other mergers . The City View Fire Department and remaining members of the Talleys Crossing Fire Department worked to upgrade the Talleys Crossing facilities, apparatus and equipment and worked towards insurance grades improvements which resulted in a Insurance Service Office Public Protection Class grade of 4 for the Talleys Crossing Fire District in areas with fire hydrants. As of 2015 the elements of the merger agreement have been satisfied which include both departments being debt free, directions by the N.C. Department of Insurance to merge the two insurance districts before the next inspection and recommendations of the corporation auditors to continue operations as one corporation serving the combined fire insurance district. Annexation statutes changes also reduced the need to maintain separate fire insurance districts. Completing the merger agreement and combining the two fire insurance districts will allow the Department to have one official state firefighter department roster as opposed to two duplicate rosters which will reduce duplicate dues and premiums. Presently the Department has to staff, provide equipment and maintain a fleet of apparatus to meet the requirements for two separate fire insurance districts which is basically duplicating all aspects of the Department. Finalizing the merger will allow the two fire insurance districts to be merged into one and then the Department can staff, equip and size the fleet to met the requirements of a single fire insurance district. The single fire insurance district will meet the hydrant distribution standard and allow the remaining pockets of rural 9S ISO PPC grades in the Talleys Fire District to move to a improve grade of ISO PPC 4 thus reducing property owner insurance premiums.

Our next N.C. Department of Insurance grading inspection is scheduled for spring 2017. The combined insurance district map will need to be approved soon in order for the 90 day registration period for publication by the Insurance Service Office and to allow the Department to be ready for the grading inspection based upon a single insurance district. The Board has set a goal of completing the cooperation merger process on the fiscal year date of June 30, 2017. The two Corporations and Board of Directors have been meeting jointly for many years and have worked to inform the citizens with direct mailings each year to property owners and residents of the two districts. The Boards have worked with in the requirements of the by-laws to have representation on the City View Board from residents of the two fire districts. Tax rates for both districts are identical and the Department operates off a single line item budget. The Board Members are working with our attorney and auditors to move forward on completion of the cooperate merger. Once the merger is complete the results will be a single fire insurance district made up of the existing City View and Talleys Fire Insurance Districts and then a single remaining Corporation and Board of Directors for the combined organization. The Boards have in good faith and stewardship efficiently operated and improved the fire, rescue and medical first responder service to both districts and hope the County will support our efforts to complete the merger process and work with us to continue to provide service to our communities.

Respectfully,



President Jason W. O'Ferrell
City View Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.



President Felix Ashe
Talleys Crossing Fire Department, Inc.

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Gilbert Davis, Attorney