# FORSYTH COUNTY





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SUBJECT:	RESOLUTION REVISING SIX (6) MILE FIRE INSUI INSURANCE GRADING (EMERGENCY SERVICE	RANCE DISTRICTS PURPOSES	IG THE BOUNDARIES OF FORSYTH COUN	S OF THE TY FOR	
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# 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 sign off sheet; 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 primary reasons for the 2016 updates are listed below:

- a. Tax parcels and boundaries have changed over the past three 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;
- b. 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;
- c. Property owners must be within five (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 adjoining districts can create travel

distances in excess of five (5) road miles. Adjusting the Fire Insurance District line affords the property owner the proper credit and potential for reduced insurance premiums; and

d. 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.

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 28th day of November 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 the 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 plan 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	The Auc.	16-7-16
Belews Creek	Brn/Lmith	10-7-16
City View /Talleys	MUNICUEN	10-7-16
Clemmons	J Brook	10-rang
Griffith		10/00/16
Gumtree	Sit Routh	12-1-16
Horneytown	Jack Jon	10-11-14
King	& ard	10/12/2016
Lewisville	Parksul	10/18/16
Mineral Springs	The Work	10/12/2016
Northeast/Walkertow	n Wessey that	10/25/16
Old Richmond	ale Faris	10-18-14
Piney Grove	Ingy Benn	10-19-16
Salem Chapel	Dan J. Jan	10.20-16
Suburban/Rural Hall	H Mhll	10-18-16
Union Cross	744	10-12-16
Vienna	Jan Ay	10-12-16
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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.

