## Hemby Bridge Fire and Rescue Service District Report March 2020

## Map:

Attached is a map of the proposed Hemby Bridge Fire and Rescue Service District, showing its proposed boundaries.

Standards Related to the Proposed Service District:

1:	Resident Population
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27,662

**Population Density** 

1,258 per square mile

2: Appraised Value of Property Subject to Taxation

\$2,794,343,407

3: Present Tax Rates

Union County	0.7309
Town of Fairview	0.0200
Town of Indian Trail	0.1850
Town of Stallings	0.2150
Village of Lake Park	0.2500
Town of Hemby Bridge	0.0000
Hemby Bridge Rural Fire Protection District	0.0488

4: The proposed Hemby Bridge Fire and Rescue Service District will have the ability to sustain the additional taxes necessary to provide for fire and rescue services for the district. Currently, a rural fire protection district tax of 0.0488 is assessed within almost all of the area encompassing the proposed Hemby Bridge Fire and Rescue Service District. The tax rate for the Hemby Bridge Rural Fire Protection District would be set at 0 upon the effective date of the creation of the proposed Hemby Bridge Fire and Rescue Service District.

The proposed Hemby Bridge Fire and Rescue Service District meets the standards set out in G.S. § 153A-302(a).

## Plan:

The Union County Board of County Commissioners plans to hold a Public Hearing on May 4, 2020, to discuss the creation of the Hemby Bridge Fire and Rescue Service District. Following the hearing, the Board will determine whether the following criteria for creation of the District, as set out in G.S. § 153-302(a1), have been met:

- 1. There is a demonstrable need for providing fire and rescue services in the district;
- 2. It is impossible or impracticable to provide those services on a county-wide basis;
- 3. It is economically feasible to provide the proposed services in the District without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies; and
- 4. There is a demonstrable demand for the proposed fire and rescue services by persons residing in the district.

If the board finds that all the above criteria are met, it will vote on a resolution to create a new Hemby Bridge Fire and Rescue Service District. If such resolution passes, it shall become effective July 1, 2020.

In such an instance, the tax rate for the Hemby Bridge Rural Fire Protection District would be set at 0 effective July 1, 2020. Tax revenues generated from the new district will be used to contract with the Hemby Bridge Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire and rescue services within the proposed district.

