

Sandy Ridge Fire and Rescue Service District Report

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Map:

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

Standards Related to the Proposed Service District:

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| 1: | Resident Population | 4,026 |
| | Population Density | 117 per square mile |
| 2: | Appraised Value of Property Subject to Taxation | \$279,777,272 |
| 3: | Present Tax Rates | |
| | Union County | 0.7309 |
| 4: | The proposed Sandy Ridge 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 residential properties are paying \$100 per single-family dwelling in a fee-supported fire district ("Fire Fee District"). Most other types of property in the Fire Fee District are also charged a fee (which may range from \$10-200). That Fire Fee District would be abolished upon the creation of the proposed Sandy Ridge Fire and Rescue Service District. | |

The proposed Sandy Ridge 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 Sandy Ridge 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 abolish the existing Fire Fee District and simultaneously create a new Sandy Ridge Fire and Rescue Service District. If such resolution passes, it shall become effective July 1, 2020. Tax revenues generated from the new district will be used to contract with the Sandy Ridge Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire and rescue services within the proposed district.

