

RESOLUTION # _____

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BOUNDARY RELOCATION IN
CERTAIN ADJOINING SERVICE DISTRICTS

- WHEREAS, there are currently twenty (20) Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service Districts in Buncombe County providing fire protection as well as ambulance and rescue services for the citizens and residents of Buncombe County;
- WHEREAS, to the extent practicable the fire district response lines coincide with the taxing service districts, however new construction, equipment, substations and requirements of the Office of the State Fire Marshal all contribute to cause discrepancies from time to time;
- WHEREAS, the respective fire chiefs of the Reems Creek Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District and the Barnardsville Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District have identified approximately fourteen (14) properties currently paying property taxes in the Barnardsville district and receiving emergency services from Reems Creek;
- WHEREAS, the Barnardsville Fire Chief and the Reems Creek Fire Chief both desire to relocate these properties into the Reems Creek Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District and support for this change has also been heard from affected property owners;
- WHEREAS, the respective fire chiefs of the Skyland Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District and the Asheville Suburban Fire & Ambulance and Rescue Service District have identified approximately forty-five (45) properties currently paying taxes in the Asheville Suburban district and receiving emergency services from Skyland;
- WHEREAS, the Asheville Fire Chief and the Skyland Fire Chief both desire to relocate these properties into the Skyland Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District and support for this change has also been heard from affected property owners;
- WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS §153A-304.3, Changes in adjoining service districts, counties may by resolution relocate the boundary lines between adjoining county service districts if the districts were established for substantially similar purposes;
- WHEREAS, the four (4) fire protection and ambulance and rescue service districts referenced above were created for the same purpose, that is, to provide financial support for the community volunteer and professional fire departments to provide fire protection and EMS services as single-source, full service and

comprehensive responding agencies in these Service Districts;

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the County to begin the process to relocate these service district lines and call public hearings regarding these matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That pursuant to GS §153A-304.3, Changes in adjoining service districts, public hearings shall be held at a regular meeting of the Board beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 200 College Street, Room 326, in downtown Asheville, North Carolina regarding the partial relocation of the service district lines between: 1. the Reems Creek Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District and the Barnardsville Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District; and 2. the Skyland Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District and the Asheville Suburban Fire & Ambulance and Rescue Service District.
2. That prior to holding these public hearings regarding the relocation of these service district lines as described, this Board directs that a Report be prepared and submitted as provided in GS §153A-304.3 for each of the proposed service district line relocations and same shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board at least two weeks before the date of these public hearings.
3. That the office of the Clerk shall cause notice of these public hearings stating the date, hour, and place of the hearings and the subject to be published at least once not less than one week before the date of the hearings and its subject, and shall include a statement that the Report required by GS §153A-304.3 is available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board.
4. That all acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.
5. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

This the 20th day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Kathy Hughes, Clerk

By: _____
David Gantt, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney