

**Woodfin Fire Department  
Fire Tax Rate Justification**

- 1. Due to the loss of revenue and increased expenses the capital improvement funding has been significantly reduced.**
- 2. The capital improvement funding is established to ensure sufficient funding for vehicle construction, S.C.B.A replacement, with balanced resilience on outside funding.**
- 3. Woodfin Fire Department has experienced a significant 36.81 % increase in call volume since the year 2011**
- 4. Woodfin Fire Department is not only responsible for approximately 7,000 citizens but also close to 60,000 travelers who pass through our district on future I-26 , Riverside Dr , and Weaverville Hwy on a daily basis.**
- 5. Requirements of the North Carolina Department of Insurance will require future expansion of personnel to provide for 4 firefighters per engine in order to maintain our insurance rating. This will increase payroll expenses by approximately \$120,000.00.**
- 6. Due to recent construction of several structures higher than 3 stories, Woodfin Fire Department will soon need to purchase an aerial apparatus at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000.00.**
- 7. The Woodfin Fire Department plans to replace a 33 year old tanker at the cost of \$350,000.00**
- 8. Woodfin Fire Department has experienced a 30.67% increase in health insurance premiums since 2011 due to increased staffing needs.**

- 9. Woodfin Fire Department has experienced a loss of revenue due to a Reynolds Mountain development agreement with Buncombe County and the Town of Woodfin granting special financing for project tax free due to repayment of loan.**
  
- 10. The Woodfin Fire District is experiencing a rapid growth of residential and commercial structures increasing population and call volume .**
  
- 11. The Town Of Woodfin is planning a Greenway expansion in the Woodfin Fire district, and a water park will soon be added to the French Broad River in our district, increasing demands for possible water rescue scenarios.**

**Due to increased costs, requirements, and our desire to better serve our fire district, Woodfin Fire Department requests to remain at a 10 cent fire tax rate**