



**First Citizens  
Bank**

September 23, 2009

West Buncombe Volunteer Fire Department  
Attn: Randy Ratcliff  
549 Old County Home Rd  
Asheville, NC 28806

Re: Re-finance of Tax Exempt Loan

Dear Randy,

First Citizens Bank is a relationship-oriented bank— we feel long-term banking relationships permit us to increase the value of banking products and services we deliver to our customers and help make us one of the safest and strongest banks in the country. We are always looking to build and strengthen long-term relationships with businesses that require a broad variety of banking services.

I would like to discuss with you the possibility of structuring a loan for the refinance of your tax exempt loan as follows:

**BORROWER:** West Buncombe Volunteer Fire Department

**LOAN AMOUNT:** Approximately \$720,000.00-\$750,000.00

**INTEREST RATE:** 3.85% fixed

**USE OF FUNDS:** refinance of Wachovia note

**COLLATERAL:** This term sheet assumes the loan will be secured by a 1<sup>st</sup> Deed of Trust on property located at 549 Old County Home Rd

**GUARANTORS:** none

**LOAN FEE:** We are reducing our customary 1.00% origination fee to \$1500.00 for the making of this loan

This letter does not constitute a loan commitment. Hopefully it does provide a framework for further discussions with you. Ultimately, the terms and conditions of any loan we approve must be based on your financial condition, the collateral, guaranties, and other information we evaluate in our loan underwriting process.

I hope you will consider First Citizens Bank as your primary financial institution and I invite you to apply for the financing described above.

Sincerely,

Carla Trull, Assistant Vice President

# COUNTY APPROVAL

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF Buncombe

## CERTIFICATE OF CLERK RE APPROVAL OF TAX-EXEMPT LOAN TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The undersigned, being the duly qualified Clerk of Buncombe County, North Carolina, does hereby certify that the following is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County, North Carolina, at its regular/special meeting on the 2 day of February, 2010, which Resolution was duly introduced, seconded, and approved, and that said Resolution remains in full force and effect:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County, North Carolina does hereby approve (within the scope of the qualifying language set forth below) a tax-exempt loan to the [name of Volunteer Fire Department] (the "VFD" from ~~First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company~~ Not to be used in the principal amount of \$ 700,000.00, which loan is for the following purpose (check applicable purpose):

*Re Finance of Current Loan*

1.  for the construction of a fire station for the VFD, (cross out the following if not applicable) including the purchase of the underlying real property.
2.  the purchase by the VFD of a fire truck or fire trucks, and

which fire truck(s) and/or fire station will be owned and operated by the VFD at the following address:

549 Old County Home Road  
(Street Address)  
Asheville, NC 28806  
(City and State)

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the approval of the loan to the VFD set forth above is given solely for purposes of the public approval requirements for tax-exempt financing applicable to the VFD because of Section 150(e)(3) and Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and such approval does not obligate the County or its Board of Commissioners in any way regarding repayment of the debt."

Duly certified by the execution hereof and the placing hereon of the seal of the said County, this the 2 day of February, 2010.

(Clerk's Seal)

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CLERK  
Buncombe County, North Carolina