

RESOLUTION # _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ASHEVILLE SUBURBAN
FIRE PROTECTION & AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICES DISTRICT

- WHEREAS, on or about June 6, 1995, the Skyland Fire Protection Service District was created pursuant to Article 16 of Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes;
- WHEREAS, said service district has since been renamed as first the Skyland-Biltmore Fire Protection Service District and later the Asheville Suburban Fire Protection District;
- WHEREAS, this district encompasses the Biltmore Estate property and is currently served by the City of Asheville, by and through the Asheville Fire Department, for fire protection as well as ambulance and rescue services as part of the Buncombe County EMS System;
- WHEREAS, GS §153A-309 authorizes a county to permit a fire service district to also provide emergency medical, rescue, and/or ambulance services when such fire service district was established for fire protection purposes and that district was not also established for ambulance and rescue purposes;
- WHEREAS, the establishment of the Asheville Suburban Fire Service District did not specifically provide for EMS services, and expanding the service district purposes allows fire protection and EMS services to be delivered by a single-source, full service and comprehensive responding agency as part of the Buncombe County EMS System;
- WHEREAS, this Board believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the County and this community to permit the service district to provide emergency medical, rescue, and/or ambulance services; and
- WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the County and this community to enter into an agreement for fire protection and related services for the residents of the community, and the County is authorized and required by said Article to provide, maintain or let contracts for such services in the district.

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

1. That emergency medical, rescue, and/or ambulance services as provided for in G.S. §153A-301(a)(7) and authorized by GS §153A-309 are hereby extended into the Asheville Suburban Fire Service District.
2. That the district shall be named the Asheville Suburban Fire & Ambulance and Rescue Service District.
3. That the Asheville Suburban Fire & Ambulance and Rescue Service District is hereby established and created effective July 1, 2016.
4. That the boundaries of said Asheville Suburban Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District is set forth in the attached map. Further, that said map is hereby designated as representative of the official fire district layer for the Asheville Suburban Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District for the purpose of fire insurance rating as the six (6) mile insurance district in accordance with NCGS §153A-233.
4. That the Chairman and the County Manager, or either of them, are hereby authorized to execute the attached Agreement for Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Services.
5. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the ____ day of October, 2015.

Attest

Board of Commissioners for the
County of Buncombe

Kathy Hughes, Clerk

By: _____
David Gantt, Chairman

Approved as to Form

County Attorney