

Fire District Tax Rates



FY2023 Fire District Budget Requests

- Primary budget drivers include:
 - Salary & benefit increases: wage increases; new positions
 - Utility & fuel costs
 - New stations, repairs and maintenance to current facilities
 - Vehicle & equipment replacement
- 18 districts requesting same FY2022 tax rate for FY2023
- 2 districts requesting tax rates above FY2022 tax rate
 - Barnardsville and Skyland



FY2023 Second Pass Tax Rates

Tax District	FY 2022	FY2023	FY2023
	Tax Rate	Requested Tax Rate	Recommended Tax Rate
Asheville Special	8.36	8.36	8.36
Asheville Suburban	8.97	8.97	8.97
Barnardsville	20.00	22.00	22.00
Broad River	16.00	16.00	16.00
East Buncombe	10.69	10.69	10.69
Enka-Candler	10.50	10.50	10.50
Fairview	14.50	14.50	14.50
French Broad	17.20	17.20	17.20
Garren Creek	13.84	13.84	13.84
Jupiter	10.75	10.75	10.75

Tax District	FY 2022	FY2023	FY2023
	Tax Rate	Requested Tax Rate	Recommended Tax Rate
Leicester	14.03	14.03	14.03
North Buncombe	10.77	10.77	10.77
Reems Creek	15.07	15.07	15.07
Reynolds	11.24	11.24	11.24
Riceville	14.60	14.60	14.60
Skyland	9.80	10.30	9.80
Swannanoa	14.00	14.00	14.00
Upper Hominy	16.56	16.56	16.56
West Buncombe	13.50	13.50	13.50
Woodfin	10.59	10.59	10.59



Barnardsville FD Request

- FY2022 Tax Rate = 20.00
- FY2023 Request = 22.00
- The 2.00 cent increase would provide an additional estimated \$95,949.
- County Manager and Budget Office are **in support** of tax rate increase request.
 - Financial ratio only slightly above 1.
 - District has not been able to rely on volunteer fighters as much as historically.
 - Additional need for paid staff, along with pay increases and retirement contributions.



Skyland FD Request

- FY2022 Tax Rate = 9.80
- FY2023 Request = 10.30
- The .50 cent increase would generate an additional estimated \$304,595.
- County Manager and Budget Office are **not able to support** tax rate increase request.
 - Financial ratio is strong.
 - More revenues than expenditures in FY2021 – Able to commit fund balance to reserve accounts.
 - Support additional need for pay increases but believe these can be accomplished with the projected \$917,371 of natural growth and without a tax rate increase.



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