

Fire District Tax Rates



FY2024 Fire District Tax Rate Requests

- 15 districts requesting no change in tax rate for FY2024
- 5 districts requesting tax rates above FY2023 tax rate:
 - Enka-Candler
 - French Broad
 - Jupiter
 - Riceville
 - Upper Hominy
- Primary budget drivers include:
 - Salary & benefit increases
 - New stations; repairs and maintenance to current facilities
 - Vehicle & equipment replacement



FY2024 Recommended Tax Rates

Tax District	FY2023 Tax Rate	FY2024 Requested Tax Rate	FY2024 Recommended Tax Rate
Asheville Special	8.36	8.36	8.36
Asheville Suburban	8.97	8.97	8.97
Barnardsville	22.00	22.00	22.00
Broad River	16.00	16.00	16.00
East Buncombe	10.69	10.69	10.69
Enka-Candler	10.50	12.00	12.00
Fairview	14.50	14.50	14.50
French Broad	17.20	22.20	22.20
Garren Creek	13.84	13.84	13.84
Jupiter	10.75	12.75	12.75

Tax District	FY2023 Tax Rate	FY2024 Requested Tax Rate	FY2024 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	16.60	16.60
Skyland	9.80	9.80	9.80
Swannanoa	14.00	14.00	14.00
Upper Hominy	16.56	19.00	19.00
West Buncombe	13.50	13.50	13.50
Woodfin	10.59	10.59	10.59

Enka-Candler's Request

- FY2023 Tax Rate = 10.50
- FY2024 Request = 12.00
- The 1.5 cent increase generates an additional \$532,631
- County Manager and Budget Office are **in support** of tax rate increase request.
 - Phasing in new positions to implement new engine company
 - Increase retirement contribution
 - Final year of 3-year plan to get all employees to \$15 an hour
 - CIP shows use of fund balance over next few years for planned equipment replacement and maintenance
 - In initial stages of planning for replacement/relocation of main station. Current plans include space for EMS and Sheriff's Office.



French Broad's Request

- FY2023 Tax Rate = 17.20
- FY2024 Request = 22.20
- The 5 cent increase generates an additional \$200,933
- County Manager and Budget Office are **in support** of tax rate increase request.
 - Renovations on main station – design already complete
 - Brings firefighters up to \$15 an hour
 - Increase retirement contribution



Jupiter's Request

- FY2023 Tax Rate = 10.75
- FY2024 Request = 12.75
- The 2 cent increase generates an additional \$180,620
- County Manager and Budget Office are **in support** of tax rate increase request.
 - Reduced initial increase request after discussions with Budget Office and County Manager
 - Engine replacement
 - Have purchased land for new substation – time to build. Will reduce fire insurance rating
 - Increasing .5 position to fully staff equipment and meet fire standards on scene



Riceville's Request

- FY2023 Tax Rate = 14.60
- FY2024 Request = 16.60
- The 2 cent increase generates an additional \$200,832
- County Manager and Budget Office are **in support** of tax rate increase request.
 - Brings everyone up to \$15 an hour
 - Engine and ambulance replacements
 - Main station rebuild/redesign



Upper Hominy's Request

- FY2023 Tax Rate = 16.56
- FY2024 Request = 19.00
- The 2.44 cent increase generates an additional \$142,307
- County Manager and Budget Office are **in support** of tax rate increase request.
 - Reduced initial increase request after discussions with Budget Office and County Manager
 - Provides \$1 increase for all employees which gets all full-time staff to at least \$15
 - Increased contributions to retirement

