



# Fire Service District Line Modification

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# FIRE DISTRICTS OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY

- Fire Insurance District (G.S. 153A-233)
- Fire Service District (G.S. 153A-300)
- 21 Fire Service Districts
  - Covered by 19 Buncombe County Fire Departments
  - Including Three Municipal Fire Departments
  - One area is Covered by a Haywood County Fire Department
- 5/6 Mile Insurance District
- Property lines
- Subdivided and developed
- Access to properties



# OVERVIEW

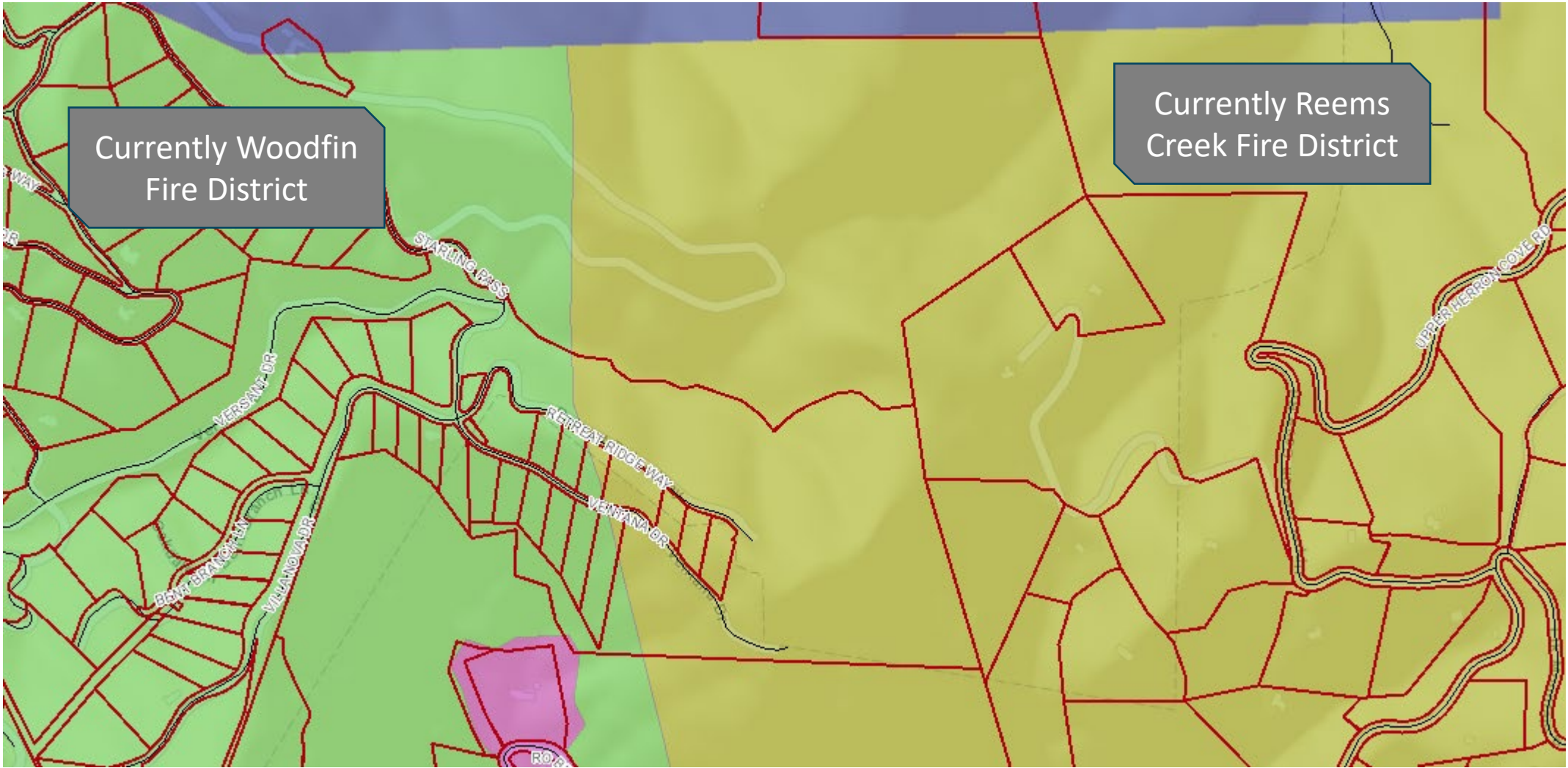
- The Fire Marshal's Office was contacted in Sept. 2023 by the Chief of Reems Creek Fire Dept.
- Three residents of the Versant Development Community were contacted by Insurance Carrier
- The Fire Marshal worked with the residents and Public Safety Communications to temporarily change response
- Request for permanent modification of the Fire Service District of Reems Creek and Woodfin Fire Districts
- Board action and a resolution by the board is required to move the district lines.



# OVERVIEW CONT.

- Rated insurance district and pay fire tax to the closest responding fire department.
- No direct access without coming into the Woodfin Service District.
- The properties are currently outside of the NC 6 Mile District for Reems Creek Fire Department and will be in the NC 5 Mile District of Woodfin Fire Department.
- Both Reems Creek and Woodfin Fire District Leadership agree the Fire Service Districts need to be modified to provide the fastest and most equitable service to our residents.





# PROPERTY EFFECTED

- The Total value of all the properties affected is \$4,547,900
- With the current tax rates
  - Reems Creek Fire Department
    - Rate .1507
    - Reduced by \$6,853.68
  - Woodfin Fire Department
    - Rate .1059
    - Increase by \$4,816.23
- Homeowners may see a slight modification in fire tax
- Homeowners will maintain or see a reduction in insurance based on previous policy holder calculations.
- Homeowners, Fire Departments, and Fire Marshal's Office are all in support of this modification



# Next Steps

- Upon Approval with Resolution District/Insurance Lines will be Modified
- Modification Notification to:
  - Affected Fire Districts
  - NC Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal
  - Property Owners
  - Buncombe County Tax Assessor's Office



# QUESTIONS

