

RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF THE TOWN OF RURAL HALL IN THE FORSYTH COUNTY COUNTYWIDE FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPLEMENTAL FIRE SUPPRESSION SERVICES

WHEREAS the Town of Rural Hall does not provide fire prevention services to its citizens, but relies upon Forsyth County for this service;

WHEREAS N.C.G.S. 153A-303 authorized Board of Commissioners to extend a service district in order to finance, provide, or maintain for the district fire prevention and supplemental fire protection services;

WHEREAS Forsyth County proposes to extend a Countywide Fire Service District to provide supplemental fire protection services that could quickly reach all parts of the Countywide District, including the Town of Rural Hall, to assist volunteer fire departments and help meet the County goal of having 10 firefighters at each fire within 10 minutes;

WHEREAS a Countywide Fire Service District could provide such services at a lower tax rate than if each fire tax district were to pay for such resources individually;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-303, Forsyth County has proposed that the Town of Rural Hall be included in the Countywide Service District;

WHEREAS the Town of Rural Hall has not been receiving such services during the current fiscal year, such prevention and supplemental services will be received once the Town becomes part of the Countywide Fire Service District; and

WHEREAS the Town Council finds it would be more practical and economical to provide and add such services through the Countywide Fire Service District;

NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Rural Hall Council hereby agrees that the Town of Rural Hall shall be included in the Countywide Fire Service District, if (i) such is extended by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners no later than July 1, 2022, and (ii) as long as the tax rate shall not exceed three cents for such district. The Council of the Town of Rural Hall may withdraw from the Countywide Fire Service District at any time upon passage of a resolution by the Town authorizing such withdrawal.

Adopted this the 17th day of February, 2022.


Timothy M. Flinchum
Mayor


Misty A. Meadows
Town Manager

