

**FORSYTH COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 28, 2016 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 10

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REVISING AND PRESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SIX (6) MILE FIRE INSURANCE DISTRICTS OF FORSYTH COUNTY FOR INSURANCE GRADING PURPOSES (EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT)**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:** Recommend Approval

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

See attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: J. Dudley Watts, jr. /cdh DATE: November 16, 2016  
COUNTYMANAGER

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SIX (6) MILE FIRE INSURANCE DISTRICTS OF FORSYTH COUNTY  
FOR INSURANCE GRADING PURPOSES  
(EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT)**

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2013, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution Prescribing The Boundaries Of The Six (6) Mile Fire Insurance Districts Of Forsyth County For Insurance Grading Purposes; and it is important to update the Fire Insurance District Maps to accommodate changes in surveyed boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C.G.S. 153A-233 authorizes counties to revise and prescribe the boundaries thereof for insurance grading purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Insurance requires current mapping of fire insurance districts in order for property owners to be assigned the proper district and receive credit for rated service; and

**WHEREAS**, the maps are critical to property owners and insurance companies for assignment of the proper fire insurance district and protection class codes; and

**WHEREAS**, these revised maps have been reviewed and approved by the District Fire Chiefs, Forsyth County Fire Marshal's Office and the North Carolina Department of Insurance as shown on the attached sign off sheet; and

**WHEREAS**, once the updates are approved by the Commissioners, the resolution and maps are submitted to the N.C. Department of Insurance which will register the maps with the Insurance Services Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary reasons for the 2016 updates are listed below:

a. Tax parcels and boundaries have changed over the past three years. MapForsyth maintains the 2013 fire insurance district map and has updated the boundaries based upon the surveyed tax parcel lines from the Tax Office. Reasons include land divisions, survey corrections, improved mapping technology and petitioned annexations;

b. The Town of Walkertown is now a municipal fire district and therefore the adjoining County fire insurance districts need to reflect this change and omit the Town of Walkertown from the rural fire districts. The boundaries of the Town of Walkertown are the Corporate Limits based upon the parcel lines from the Tax Office;

c. Property owners must be within five (5) road miles of a rural fire station in order to receive credit for the improved insurance grade of the district. Changes in roadways and property access due to development, accesses that are change due to major highway projects such as the construction of I-74 or large tracts of land that are sold with new parcels being accessed from a different road of adjoining districts can create travel

distances in excess of five (5) road miles. Adjusting the Fire Insurance District line affords the property owner the proper credit and potential for reduced insurance premiums; and

d. The City View and Talleys Crossing Fire Districts are working to complete the merger agreement as stated in the resolution by the Board of Commissioners in August 2000. The map reflects the combined fire insurance districts. This will allow the departments to staff, equip and meet the N.C. Department of Insurance grading standards as a single fire district as opposed to maintaining the duplicate requirements of two insurance districts. The two Boards plan to complete the full merger by June 30, 2017, and will be in contact with the County. These plans are consistent with past mergers in Forsyth County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby revises and prescribes the boundaries of the six (6) mile fire insurance districts of Forsyth County for insurance grading purposes, as listed on Attachment A and shown on the attached maps, which are incorporated herein by reference as previously approved by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes, Section 153A-233.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.


T.L. Whicker  
Fire Marshal's Office



Daniel L. Ozimek  
Emergency Services Director

## MEMORANDUM

To: Dan Ozimek, Director  
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager  
Davida Martin, County Attorney

From: T. L. Whicker 

Ref: Updates to the 2013 Forsyth County Fire Insurance District Maps



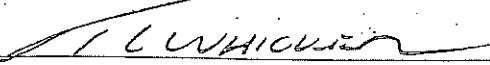
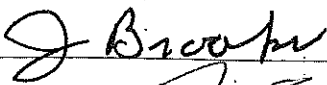
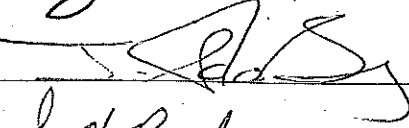

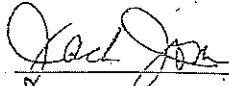

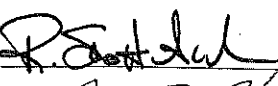
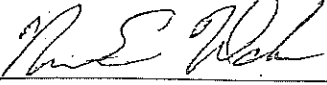
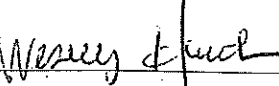
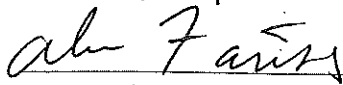
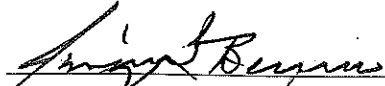
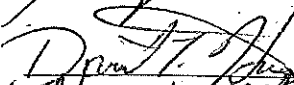

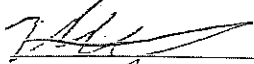
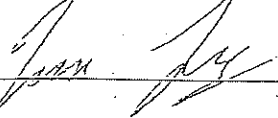
Date: October 23, 2016

The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners approved the first GIS Fire Insurance District Maps in 2013. It is important to update these maps on a regular basis in order to accommodate changes in surveyed boundaries, highway changes and development. The maps are critical to property owners and insurance companies for assignment of the proper fire insurance district and protection class codes. Once the updates are approved by the Commissioners, the resolution and maps are submitted to the N.C. Department of Insurance which will register the maps with the Insurance Services Office. The District Fire Chiefs have reviewed and approved the updates and the sign off sheet is attached. The act of updating the Fire Insurance District Maps will need to occur on a regular basis depending upon growth and changes. The primary reasons for the 2016 updates are listed below and I have included various supporting documents or examples. Please let me know if you have questions or a time to meet to discuss the request for updating maps.

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3. Property owners must be within 5 road miles of a rural fire station in order to receive credit for the improved insurance grade of the district. Changes in roadways and property access due to development, accesses that are change due to major highway projects such as the construction of I-74 or large tracts of land that are sold with new parcels being accessed from a different road of an adjoining districts can create travel distances in excess of 5 road miles. Adjusting the Fire Insurance District line affords the property owner the proper credit and potential for reduced insurance premiums.

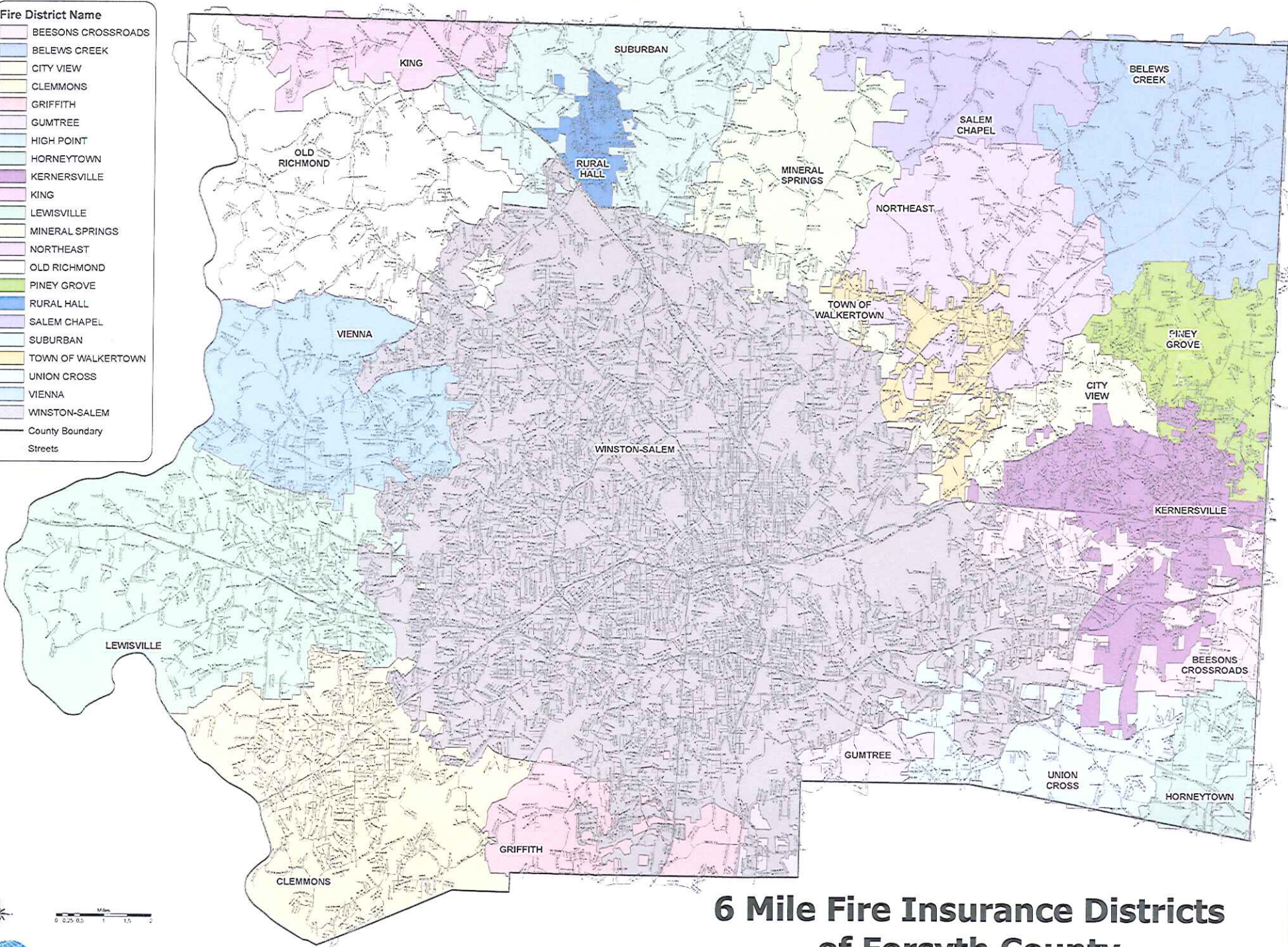
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6 Mile Fire Insurance Districts of Forsyth County  
2016 Map Updates

Name of Fire District	District Fire Chief Acknowledgement	Date
Beeson Crossroads		10-7-16
Belews Creek		10-7-16
City View / Talleys		10-7-16
Clemmons		10-16-16
Griffith		10/20/16
Gumtree		10-7-16
Horneytown		10-11-16
King		10/2/2016
Lewisville		10/18/16
Mineral Springs		10/12/2016
Northeast/Walkertown		10/25/16
Old Richmond		10-18-16
Piney Grove		10-19-16
Salem Chapel		10-20-16
Suburban/Rural Hall		10-18-16
Union Cross		10-12-16
Vienna		10-21-16

The map is produced by MapForsyth and follows surveyed parcel lines as provided by the Forsyth County Tax Office. The Fire Insurance Districts are not used for funding purposes. Maps must be approved by the Commissioners by resolution and are then submitted to the N.C. Department of Insurance for registration with the Insurance Service Office.

- Fire District Name**
- BEESONS CROSSROADS
  - BELEWS CREEK
  - CITY VIEW
  - CLEMMONS
  - GRIFFITH
  - GUMTREE
  - HIGH POINT
  - HORNEYTOWN
  - KERNERSVILLE
  - KING
  - LEWISVILLE
  - MINERAL SPRINGS
  - NORTHEAST
  - OLD RICHMOND
  - PINEY GROVE
  - RURAL HALL
  - SALEM CHAPEL
  - SUBURBAN
  - TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
  - UNION CROSS
  - VIENNA
  - WINSTON-SALEM
  - County Boundary
  - Streets



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Date of Map - November, 2016