

Item Title: Resolution to Modify Fire Insurance District Boundaries

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution modifying the boundaries of the Northern Wake, Durham Highway, and Western Wake Fire District.

Item Summary:

Purpose: North Carolina General Statute 153A – 233 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to designate fire districts and approve the district boundaries thereof for insurance grading purposes.

Background: Wake County is responsible for providing fire suppression and other emergency services in the unincorporated area of Wake County. These services are funded by a dedicated fire tax district and funding of 19 fire departments.

Along the Creedmoor Road (Highway 50) corridor, stretching into Wake County, areas served by the Northern Wake Fire Department have been impacted by Raleigh annexations. Specifically, NWFD Station 5 receives fewer calls. Fire Services Staff has performed a data driven statistical study of this area and determined that the remaining parcels served by Station 5 could be covered more effectively within 5 miles of other existing county stations. Staff and the Fire Commission have considered reassigning selected parcels to two other County fire departments. This realignment has been recommended unanimously by the Fire Commission, reviewed and approved by all three Fire Chiefs and approved by the NC Department of Insurance.

Strategic Plan: This action supports Safer Community Together Goal 1: By 2029, 80% of all County public safety calls will receive an appropriate and timely emergency response.

Fiscal Impact: The redistricting and subsequent removal of the fire apparatus in this station will save the county in funding towards new apparatus purchases.

Additional Information:

This data analysis indicates no lapse in service delivery or change in response times. Fire Services staff has met with the Northern Wake Board of Directors, and they agreed with our analysis and recommendation to redistrict this area, thus allowing the closure of Northern Wake Fire Station 5. This does not change the EMS response from this existing colocation.

This adjustment to fire district boundaries was considered and approved by the Fire Commission's policy committee, then approved unanimously by the full Fire Commission. The Board of Directors for the Northern Wake Fire Department also has endorsed this change.

Wake County has mailed information to all 27 parcels that will be changing to either Durham Highway or Western Wake Fire Districts provided a website and contact for additional information. We have not received any questions from the citizens.

Northern Wake Fire Station 5 - 27 Parcels Redistricted

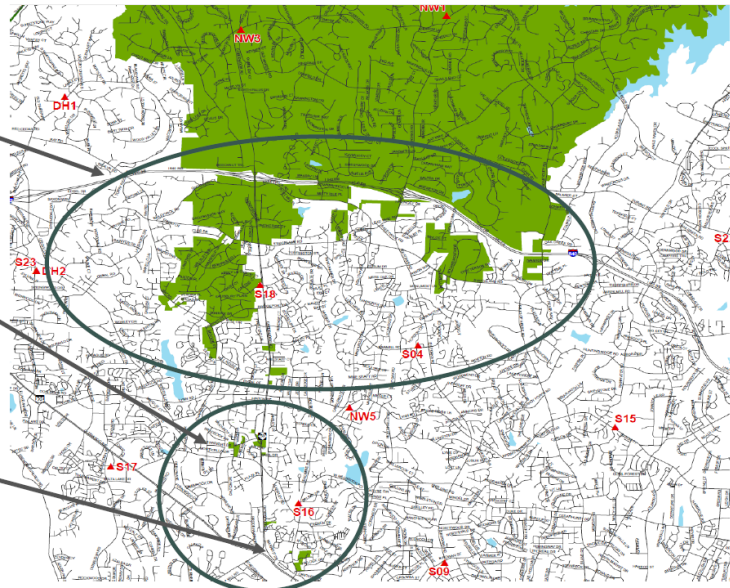
Parcels Staying with
Northern Wake Fire

14 Parcels moving to Durham
Highway Fire

- 11 Single Family
- 3 Vacant Lots

13 Parcels moving to Western
Wake Fire

- 7 Vacant Lots
- 5 Single Family
- 1 Church



Attachments:

1. Northern Wake Fire District Map
2. Durham Highway District Map
3. Western Wake District Map
4. Email from the NC Department of Insurance
5. Resolution
6. Fire Commission Presentation