

**Item Title:** Resolution to Modify the Rolesville Rural, Wake New Hope, Hopkins Rural, Wendell Holmes, Alert, Wakelon and Wakette Fire Insurance District Boundaries

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution modifying the boundaries of the Rolesville Rural, Wake New Hope, Hopkins Rural, Wendell Holmes, Alert, Wakelon and Wakette Fire Insurance Districts.**

**Item Summary:**

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. In unincorporated Wake County, the Board of Commissioners approve Fire Insurance District boundaries and contract with fire departments to provide fire protection and related emergency services in those districts. Funding is provided by revenues from a county-wide fire protection service tax district.

A fire insurance district boundary realignment process was started in 2017, during the merger process of the Stony Hill and Bay Leaf Fire Departments. The goal of these changes is to ultimately align all County Fire Insurance Districts with the respective fire department's closest station response. This recommendation is a continuation of that process and involves the rural fire insurance districts within the eastern region of the County.

As part of the Fire Insurance District modification process, Wake County Fire Services is recommending a realignment of each fire insurance district with its respective County fire department's closest station response area for the Rolesville Rural, Wake New Hope, Hopkins Rural, Wendell Holmes, Alert, Wakelon and Wakette Fire Insurance Districts. These changes will align each fire department's response area with its Fire Insurance District, thereby reducing existing duplicate responses and expenses. The Rolesville Fire Department currently has a Class 4/9E rating, the Wake New Hope Fire Department has a 4/9E, the Hopkins Fire Department has a 6/9E rating, the Wendell Fire Department has a 3/9E rating, the Zebulon Fire Department has a 4/9E rating, Eastern Wake Fire Department has a 6/9E and the Wake Forest Fire Department has a Class 5/9E rating.

Wake County Fire Services presented the proposed changes to the Wake County Fire Commission at its November 16, 2017 meeting. The Fire Commission voted to recommend staff's proposed realignment, with the following change. The County areas north of Lillie Liles Road and east of Forestville Road should remain in the Rolesville Fire Insurance District and not be realigned to the Wake Forest Fire Department Station 4's closest station response boundary.

The North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal has reviewed and approved the proposed boundary changes.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution – Modify the Rolesville Rural, Wake New Hope, Hopkins Rural, Wendell Holmes, Alert, Wakelon and Wakette Fire Insurance District Boundaries
2. Map – Current and Proposed Rolesville Rural, Wake New Hope, Hopkins Rural, Wendell Holmes, Alert, Wakelon and Wakette Fire Insurance District Boundaries
3. Letter of Approval – OSFM
4. Draft Minutes of the November 16, 2017 Wake County Fire Commission Meeting