

Item Title: Resolution to Modify the Alert, Wake New Hope and Wendell Holmes Fire Insurance District Boundaries

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution modifying the boundaries of the Alert, Wake New Hope and Wendell Holmes Fire Insurance Districts.

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: 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.

The goal of these changes is to ultimately align all county fire insurance districts with the respective fire department's closest station response thereby reducing existing duplicate responses and expenses.

With the opening of the new Wendell Falls Fire Station and Town of Knightdale assumption of serving the Alert Fire District, the Fire Insurance District Boundaries to be realigned to better match closest station response.

Wake County Fire Services presented the proposed changes to the affected Departments on May 18, 2020. All departments approved the changes as it directly aligns with closet station response. Because the district changes are very minor, these changes were not voted on by the Fire Commission. Based on current department Insurance Ratings, no properties insurance rates will change.

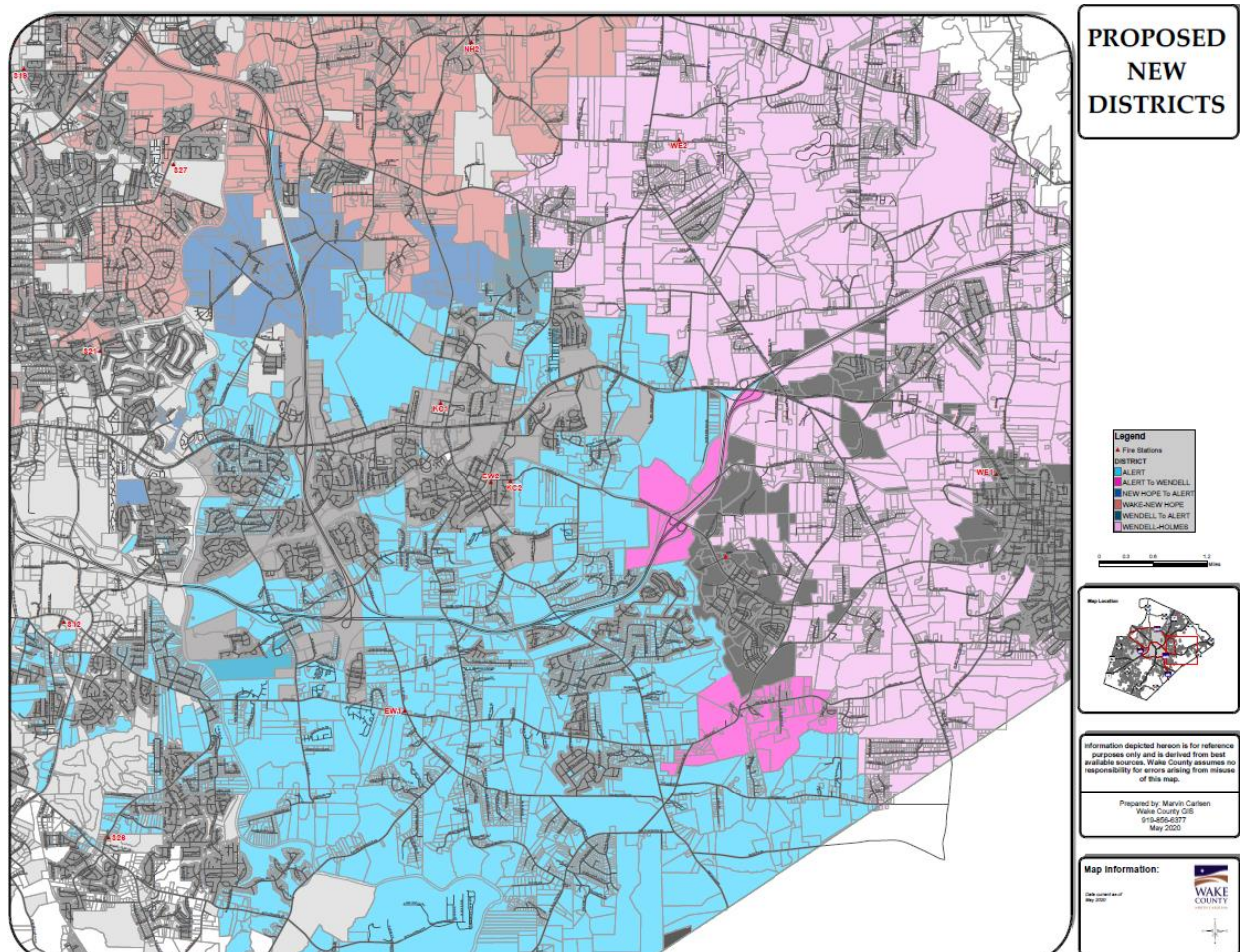
The North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal has reviewed and approved the proposed boundary changes.

Board Goal: This action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: Realignments of insurance districts changes many data elements utilized in the cost share formulas. In this case, this did not result in any fiscal impacts at this time.

Additional Information:

Eastern Wake Fire Rescue Board of Directors and its Membership have voted to cease operations as of June 30, 2020. On May 21, 2020 the Fire Commission recommend on a Vote of 8-2 to support the County's plan to contract with the Town of Knightdale to provide Fire Protection for the Alert Fire District.



Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Map showing both current and proposed insurance district boundary lines
3. Map showing proposed insurance district boundary lines
4. Email of approval from NC Department of Insurance
5. Email of approval from East Region Fire Commission Representative on behalf of the East region