

**SOUTHWEST MADISON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

141 Lake Cavalier Road

Ridgeland, MS 39157

July 25, 2017

Madison County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 608
Canton, MS 39046

Re: SWMDFPD Millage Rate.

Dear Sirs:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Commissioners it was decided that an increase in the millage rate within the District is necessary in order to adequately fund the operation and maintenance of the new proposed station as well as the existing station. Accordingly, the Board sent a notice, signed by all Commissioners, to all households within the District that the District is requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve increasing the millage rate to 5.62.

Please consider this letter along with the notice sent to households, copy attached, as the District's request that the Board of Supervisors approve an increase to 5.62 mills.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely Yours,

SOUTHWEST MADISON COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



CHARLES E. McDONALD, President

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Enclosure

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**To: Residents within
Southwest Madison County Fire Protection District**

From: Board of Commissioners

Re: New Fire Station

On May 22, 2012, the Lake Lorman Utility District was merged into the Southwest Madison County Fire Protection District. By order of the Madison County Board of Supervisors dated July 16, 2012, the Southwest Madison County Fire Protection District was expanded to include the area served by the Lake Lorman Utility District.

The merger was designed to enhance and improve fire protection service within the expanded District by, among other things, the addition of a new fire station.

Be advised that the Madison County Board of Supervisors has acquired a tract of land situated at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Lake Cavalier Road and Coker Road for a new fire station. The County has paid for the land and will pay for the construction of the new station which is estimated to cost \$1,500,000.

Once the station is constructed the District will be responsible for maintenance of the building and equipment and day to day operation of both the existing station and the new station.


The current millage rate for the District is 1.62 mills. In order to properly fund the recurring maintenance and operational costs of both stations it will be necessary to increase the millage rate assessed each household within the District. At its meeting on June 26, 2017, the District's Board of Commissioners unanimously approved an increase to 5.62 mills. The District Board will recommend this increase for final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

For your information, 1 mill per \$1000 in assessed value equals \$1.00 per year. (\$100,000 appraised value = \$56.20 tax) We believe increasing the millage is reasonable and appropriate in consideration of the enhancement of fire protection within the District.

Having a station at both ends of the District will result of a much quicker response time and significantly enhance the District's firefighting capability.

Sincerely Yours,


CHARLES E. MCDONALD, President


JAMES L. MARTIN, Secretary-Treasurer


JIM FRESHWATER, Member


JIMMIE L. KING, Member


WILLIAM SEAGROVE, Member