

**SOUTHWEST MADISON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
801 Lake Cavalier Road
Ridgeland, MS 39157
April 21, 2023**

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION: greg.higginbotham@madison-co.com

Madison County Board of Supervisors
c/o Gregg Higginbotham, Administrator
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 to staff our new station 24/7. Round the clock staffing will enhance the fire protection services within our District and will likely result in an improved fire rating and reduced insurance premiums. Accordingly, the Board intends to send 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 from 5.62 to 7.62.

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 7.62 mills.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely Yours,

SOUTHWEST MADISON COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT


WILLIAM D. SEAGROVE, President

Enclosure

c: Gerald Steen (via email)

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

From: Board of Commissioners

Re: Millage Rate Increase

In 2017 the Madison County Board of Supervisors acquired a tract of land situated at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Lake Cavalier Road and Coker Road and constructed a new fire station. Since its opening the District has provided fire protection and emergency medical services to all residents within the District primarily by volunteer firefighters from the new station located at 801 Lake Cavalier Road.

The District has gradually added part-time paid staff at the new station Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00pm. To enhance fire protection and emergency medical services to our residents the District Board of Commissioners is preparing to staff the station 24/7.

The current millage rate for the District is 5.62 mills. In order to properly fund full-time staffing, it will be necessary to increase the millage rate assessed each household within the District. At its meeting on April 20, 2023, the District's Board of Commissioners unanimously approved an increase to 7.62 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 = \$76.20 tax) We believe increasing the millage is reasonable and appropriate in consideration of the enhancement of fire protection and emergency medical service within the District.

Sincerely Yours,

WILLIAM D. SEAGROVE, President

MARY ANN SONES, Member

JAMES L. MARTIN, Secretary-Treasurer

WILLIAM A. WARNER, Member

JAMES E FRESHWATER, Member