

Resolution HCFD 2023-10-12-3

Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Hickory Creek Fire Department that

WHEREAS, The Hickory Creek Fire Department, a volunteer fire department, requires annual dues to provide adequate fire and rescue protection in its service area; and

WHEREAS, Annual fire dues were approved by voters and set at \$40 on each residence and each business having an occupiable structure in the Hickory Creek Fire Department service area in 2007, and collected by the county collector at the same time and in the same manner as real property taxes in accordance with A.C.A. 14-20-108; and

WHEREAS, Costs have risen since 2007 to the point that annual dues of \$40 are no longer sufficient for the Hickory Creek Fire Department to provide safe and adequate protection in its service area.

Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Hickory Creek Fire Department that:

The Hickory Creek Fire Department requests that the question of increasing the levy of annual fire dues from \$40 annually to \$100 annually for each residence and occupiable business in the service area be placed on the ballot in a special election to be held in conjunction with the November 2024 primary election. The question of increasing the levy shall be placed on the ballot in substantially the following form:

"INCREASE TO THE HICKORY CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT LEVY OF DUES

If the increased levy of the volunteer fire department dues from \$40 annually to \$100 annually is approved, the increased dues shall be listed annually on the real property tax statements and collected at the same time and in the same manner as real property taxes.

[] **FOR** the increase in the levy from \$40 to \$100 as annual dues on each residence and on each business having an occupiable structure located in the designated area of the Hickory Creek fire department.

[] **AGAINST** the increase in the levy from \$40 to \$100 as annual dues on each residence and on each business having an occupiable structure located in the designated area of the Hickory Creek fire department."

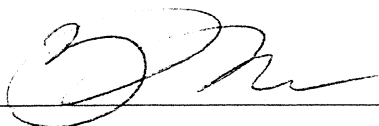
Approved on October 12th, 2023



Fire Chief: Eric Smith



Board Chair: Jim Jones



Secretary: Billy Moore