



Guilford County Emergency Services

June 26, 2025

Guilford County Board of Commissioners
301 W. Market St
Greensboro NC 27401

Dear Chairman Alston and members of the Board,

The Boards of the Pleasant Garden Fire Department and the Climax Fire Department have recently finalized the merger of the two departments, to be effective July 1, 2025. Pleasant Garden Fire will be the surviving entity and will assume all assets, liabilities, and contracts of the former Climax Fire Department as of that date. Guilford County's attorneys and staff have been working with the legal counsel of both entities to make this a seamless transition, and we believe all requirements have been thoroughly satisfied. In the near future, Pleasant Garden Fire Department will be "doing business as" the Central Piedmont Fire Department, but that process has not yet been finalized.

No official action is needed by the Board of Commissioners, but we wanted you to be aware of the impending change. Also, we have worked with Finance, Tax, Budget, and Contracts to make sure that all issues have been addressed regarding the disbursement of funds to the new entity. Also, the legacy Fire Protection Districts (FPD) will remain unchanged, however I will be coming back to the Board during the upcoming fiscal year to combine the Fire Protection Service Districts (FPSD) to be effective July 1, 2026, which will streamline administrative matters for the Fire Department and the County for the coming years but will not affect service or cost.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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