

RESOLUTION TO ESTBLISH A NEW CONSOLIDATED PLEASANT GARDEN FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT OVERLAY AND CLIMAX FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT OVERLAY INTO CENTRAL PIEDMONT FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT & TRANSFERRING REVENUE

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §153A-301, Guilford County has established fire protection service districts, including the Pleasant Garden Fire Service District Overlay (“Pleasant Garden Fire Service District”) and the Climax Fire Service District Overlay (“Climax Fire Service District”);

WHEREAS, the present Pleasant Garden Fire Service District and Climax Fire Service Districts are served, respectively, by the Pleasant Garden Fire Department, Inc. and the Climax Fire Department;

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Garden Fire Department and the Climax Fire Department voluntarily merged on July 1, 2025 to form the Central Piedmont Fire Department;

WHEREAS, both the Pleasant Garden Fire Department, Inc. and the Climax Fire Department carry excellent ratings;

WHEREAS, under N.C.G.S. §153A-304, the Board of County Commissioners may by resolution consolidate county service districts;

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.C.G.S. §153A-304, Guilford County has prepared a Report containing: (1) A map showing the current and proposed boundaries of the Pleasant Garden Fire Service District and the Climax Fire Service District; (2) A statement indicating that the proposed boundary relocation meets the requirements of N.C.G.S. §153A-304(b); and (3) A plan for increasing services to the area affected by the consolidation is not necessary as the services are the same;

WHEREAS, that Report, which is incorporated herein by reference, has been made available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board for at least two weeks before the date of the public hearing of this matter;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners caused notice of the public hearing of this matter to be given in the manner provided by N.C.G.S. §153A-304(c);

WHEREAS, the Notice of Hearing was mailed at least four weeks before the public hearing to the owners as shown by the county tax records as of the January 1, 2025 which has been certified to the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, both the Pleasant Garden Fire Protection Service District and the Climax Fire Protection District have an existing tax rate of \$0.2149 per hundred dollars of valuation which the County should provide to the new Central Piedmont Service Fire District as provided in the County budget ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUILFORD COUNTY RESOLVES that:

1. Guilford County has fully complied with the requirements of N.C.G.S. §153A-304 and determines and finds same as a fact.
2. The boundaries of the Pleasant Garden Fire Protection Service District Overlay and the Climax Fire Service District Overlay are modified as set forth on the map included with the Report referred to above and a new service district is established as the Central Piedmont Fire Protection Service District, which Report and map are incorporated herein by reference.
3. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §153A-233, the boundaries of the corresponding fire insurance districts are modified to coincide with the new boundaries of the Pleasant Garden Fire Protection Service District Overlay and the Climax Fire Service District Overlay.
4. The County Chief Financial Officer is directed to transfer the fire tax district revenue from both the Pleasant Garden Fire Protection Service District and the Climax Fire Service District to the Central Piedmont Fire Protection Service District pursuant to the approved budget ordinance for 2026-2027.
5. This Resolution shall take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2026-2027.

ADOPTED the 15th day of January, 2026.

The Honorable Melvin "Skip" Alston, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robin Keller, Clerk to Board