

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** November 7, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Edneyville Volunteer Fire and Rescue / Dana Fire and Rescue Tax District Revisions

**PRESENTER:** W. H. Hollis, Fire Marshal

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

1. Draft Map
2. Draft Letter
3. Copy of informational placard
4. Minutes of public meeting
5. Copy of letter to property owners

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Boards of Directors and Chiefs of Edneyville Fire & Rescue and Dana Fire & Rescue have mutually agreed to transfer the fire districts of certain parcels to facilitate a more efficient and timely response to those citizens. A public meeting was held for citizen's comments on August 2, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at North Henderson High School cafeteria after announcements were run in the Hendersonville Lightning on July 20 and July 27, 2016. Information about the proposed changes was also posted at 5 locations in the affected areas. No members from the public attended the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. A letter of explanation was later sent to each affected property owner.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to approve the amended fire tax districts as shown on the enclosed map, and authorize the Chairman to sign the proposed letter requesting Representative Chuck McGrady introduce a local bill authorizing approval of the new Fire Tax District maps.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Board approve the amended fire tax districts, and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter requesting Representative Chuck McGrady introduce a local bill authorizing approval of the new Fire Tax District maps.*

# Dana Fire and Edneyville Fire District Adjustments

## Legend

 Area From Dana Tax District to Edneyville Tax District

 Area From Edneyville Tax District to Dana Tax District

Parcels

Tax District

BLUE RIDGE FIRE

DANA FIRE


EDNEYVILLE FIRE


HENDERSONVILLE CITY

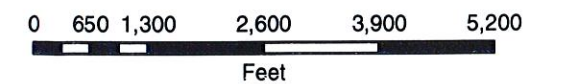
MOUNTAIN HOME FIRE

Streets

We the undersigned have agreed to the changing of our fire districts as shown on included map.

  
Jimmy Womack, Fire Chief, Dana Fire and Rescue

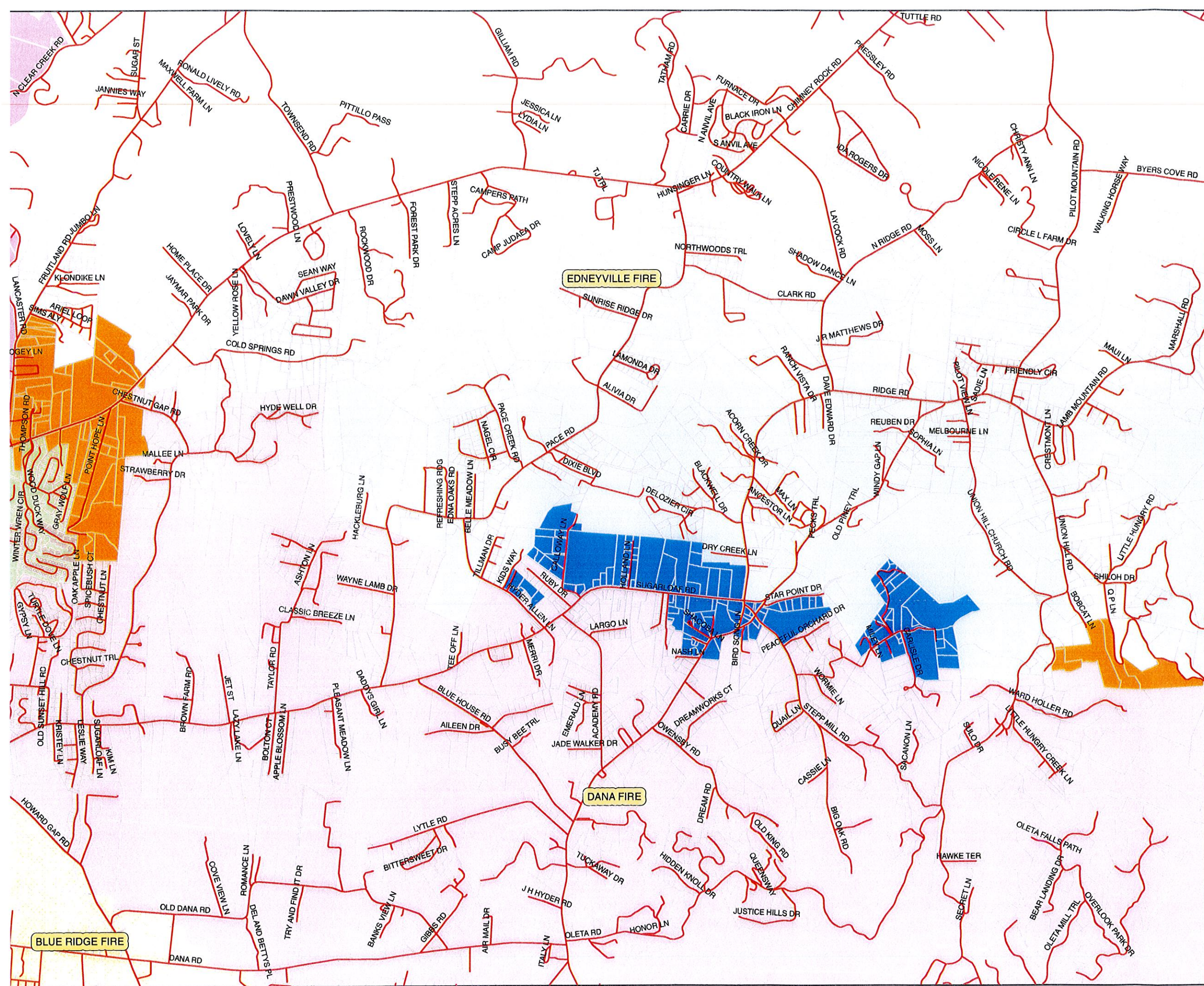
  
Robert Griffin, Fire Chief, Edneyville Volunteer Fire and Rescue



1 inch = 2,100 feet



Map created by Curtis Griffin  
Henderson County  
Planning Department  
Property Addressing Division  
05/06/2016



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Date: November 7, 2016

The Honorable Chuck McGrady  
NC House of Representatives  
300 N. Salisbury Street, Room 304  
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Re: Amendments to Edneyville and Dana Fire Tax Districts.

Representative McGrady:

This letter is to request introduction of a Local Bill in the North Carolina House of Representatives to approve transfer of parcels between Edneyville and Dana fire tax districts in order to serve the owners of those respective properties more efficiently. The ISO protection ratings of the departments are 5 and 4 respectively, which would mean insurance rates on residential properties would not change due to the transfer. However, there is a 2.5 cent difference in fire taxes levied, meaning those parcels transferred to Dana fire district would experience an increase in fire taxes, while those transferred to Edneyville would see a decrease. Citizens were advised, and no one attended properly advertised public meetings.

The enclosed map shows the extent of the amendments and which parcels would be affected.

Please be advised that the County has no objection to this transaction.

Sincerely,

Thomas Thompson, Chairman  
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

cc: Fire Marshal  
Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee

# Fire Departments Seek Change for Better Response

Dana and Edneyville Fire Department's are hoping to move existing district lines to help improve response to citizens within certain areas. Both departments have gotten together and looked at district lines that just don't make sense the way they are now. With Edneyville currently traveling up to 5 miles to reach an area that Dana can get to within a mile of their station and with Dana traveling up to 5 miles to an area that Edneyville can reach within 2.5 miles of their station. Both Chief Womack of Dana FD and Chief Griffin of Edneyville felt that it is time to change where the lines were drawn. Both chiefs as, well as the board of directors at both departments, are hoping to move district lines to help lower response times for people in the affected areas on an average of 4 minutes.

The areas that would be affected include the Ridge Rd area up to and including parts of Sugarloaf Rd, Chestnut Stump Rd area that would go from Edneyville Fire dept to Dana Fire Dept. Areas that would go from Dana Fire Dept to Edneyville Fire Department include Chimney Rock Rd from Fruitland Rd to Chestnut Gap and Fruitland Rd from Chimney Rock Rd to Simms Alley. An informational meeting will be planned for August 2 at 6pm at North Henderson High School.

This was posted at the following Locations:

Griffins Grocery  
Edneyville General Store  
4-Way Grocery  
Edneyville Post Office  
Dana Post Office

Meeting for District Exchange between Dana FD and Edneyville FD

One August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 a public meeting for the exchanging of fire districts between Dana FD and Edneyville FD was held at North Henderson High School in the Cafeteria

At 6pm the meeting was called to order by Chief Jimmy Womack and Chief Robert Griffin.

No members from the public were present at either the opening of the meeting or at any time before the meeting were adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes were recorded by Ben Lanning

*Ben Lanning* 8-2-2016



Dear Property Owner,

You are receiving this notification because one of the below applies to property that you own:

- The Edneyville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Inc. is seeking to transfer the following areas of its current fire district to the Dana Fire and Rescue Department. On Ridge Rd from the intersection of Nash Ln to Sugarloaf Rd. On Sugarloaf Rd from the intersection of Hyder Allen to Piney Mountain Rd. Parts of Stepp Mill Rd, Chestnut Stump Rd and Star Point Ln. Also included is any roads that turn off the above roads.
- The Dana Fire and Rescue Department is seeking to transfer the following areas of its current fire district to the Edneyville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Inc. On Chimney Rock Rd from the intersection of Fruitland Rd to just past Chestnut Gap Rd. Fruitland Rd from Chimney Rock Rd to Sims Alley. Also included is any roads that turn off the above roads.

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The Henderson County Board of Commissioners will meet about this topic on 11/07/2016 at 5:30pm.

If you have any questions concerning this, you may contact either:

Chief Robert Griffin  
Edneyville Fire Department  
828-685-7311

Chief Jimmy Womack  
Dana Fire Department  
828-685-3494