Date of Mailing

Dear Resident,

You are receiving this letter because you are the owner of real or personal property (which may include motor vehicles) located in the Bennett Fire Protection County Service District. Each year, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners sets the tax rate for this district and contracts with the Bennett Fire Department for the provision of fire protection, first responder, rescue, and emergency services in the district.

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners is considering abolishing the current district, which is capped at 15 cents per $100 valuation, and reestablishing it with a new county service district that does not have the 15-cent tax rate cap. It is important to note that this action, if approved by the Board of Commissioners, is **not a tax increase**. It will simply allow the Bennett Fire Department to request a rate above the current 15-cent cap in order to provide for current and future growth and to maintain levels of service. **The Board of County Commissioners will ultimately set the rate during the annual budget process as it has always done.**

The boundaries of the proposed new district are displayed on the attached map and are identical to the current district. Please note: if you do not own real property, your personal property (such as a motor vehicle) is registered to an address falling within the boundaries of the proposed district.

A public hearing on this matter will be held at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, in the Randolph County Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, 145-C Worth Street, Asheboro, North Carolina. All interested persons are invited to attend and present their views.

**This letter is for notification purposes only. You may receive multiple letters if you own multiple parcels of real property, personal property, or any combination of the two located within the proposed district. No action is required at this time. If you do not own real or personal property in this fire district, please disregard this notice. If you have questions regarding this notice, you may call the Clerk to the Board at 336-318-6301.**

Sincerely,

Hal Johnson

Randolph County Manager