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[Date]

[Property Owner's Name]
[Property Owner's Address]
[City, State, ZIP Code]

Re: Change in Billing Procedures for Fire Services

Dear [Property Owner's Name],

We are writing to inform you about an important change regarding the billing procedures for fire services provided to property owners located outside the city limits of the City of Orangeburg.

The City will no longer be entering into individual fire service contracts with property owners outside its municipal limits and fire service charges will no longer be billed directly by the City. Instead, your property will be incorporated into the Orangeburg County Fire District, a special tax district created by Orangeburg County Council. As a result of this change, the cost for fire services will be included in the annual property tax bill that you receive from Orangeburg County.

Under a new contract between the City of Orangeburg and Orangeburg County, the City will continue to be your fire service provider. This change in how you pay for fire services will make the payment process easier and fairer for everyone, and it should also reduce your overall costs. The cost of the millage increase will be less than the cost of the fire service contract for the vast majority of residents. We believe this update will help us provide better and more efficient fire services for all residents.

We understand that this change may raise questions or concerns. If you have questions regarding fire contract or fire services, please contact the City of Orangeburg Finance Department at (803) 533-6000. If you have questions regarding the tax district changes, please contact the Assessor's Office at (803) 533-6220. Our goal is to ensure a smooth transition and to continue providing excellent fire protection services to our community.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Sidney Evering
City Administrator
City of Orangeburg

Marion Lloyd
Deputy County Administrator
Orangeburg County