

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MANGUM FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE DISTRICT IN DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the County of Durham encompasses 298 square miles and has seen a tremendous amount of growth in recent years;

WHEREAS, the County of Durham is currently served by seven fire service agencies;

WHEREAS, five of these fire service agencies are funded through fire service districts as provided for in North Carolina General Statute § 153A-301 et seq;

WHEREAS, the City of Durham Fire Department is funded by the City of Durham;

WHEREAS, Moriah Volunteer Fire and Rescue provides fire protection services to 268 parcels located in the Northeast portion of the County without any financial support from the County;

WHEREAS, Moriah Volunteer Fire and Rescue responded to 41 calls for service in this area in fiscal year 2025;

WHEREAS, Moriah Volunteer Fire and Rescue has traditionally provided these services at no cost to the County, but is no longer able to do so;

WHEREAS, this area is too far from existing fire stations within the County to be serviced by any other fire department operating within the County;

WHEREAS, the County of Durham does not have the capital, equipment, or personnel to provide fire protection services in this area that meet the standards established by the North Carolina Department of Insurance and the Office of State Fire Marshal;

WHEREAS, the creation of a fire protection service district in this area would provide a fair and equitable means to fund fire protection services in this area;

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of Commissioners caused to be prepared a report of the proposed Mangum Fire Protection Service District that contains a map of the proposed district showing the proposed boundaries, a statement showing the proposed district meets the standards as required by law, and a plan for providing fire protection services to the proposed district;

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of Commissioners conducted a duly noticed public hearing on March 9, 2026, providing an opportunity for citizens to appear and be heard concerning the subject proposal;

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of Commissioners has carefully considered the report dated February 6, 2026, containing a map of the proposed district showing the proposed boundaries, a statement showing the proposed district meets the standards as required by law, and a plan for providing fire protection services to the proposed district, along with the input and

comments of citizens and the fire department that would service the district, and specifically adopts the findings as set forth with particularity in the report;

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of Commissioners finds that a demonstrable need exists for fire protection services in the proposed Mangum Fire Protection Service District;

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of Commissioners finds that the provision of such services on a countywide basis is impossible or impracticable;

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of Commissioners finds that it is economically feasible to provide the proposed services in the district without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies;

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of Commissioners finds that there is demonstrable demand for the proposed services from persons residing in the district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Durham County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session on March 9, 2026, that the Mangum Fire Protection Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, is hereby established effective July 1, 2026 at 12:00am.

Adopted this 9th day of March, 2026.

Durham County Board of Commissioners

Mike Lee, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners