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**FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 BUDGET**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District will convene in-person and/or by telephone conference call on October 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM for a special meeting on the proposed 2021 Budget for the Fairview Fire District. The first order of business at the Meeting will be to present the proposed 2021 Budget, after which the Board will open a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget, for the purpose of hearing comment from all persons wishing to address the Board on the proposed Budget.

The Proposed Budget is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours at: the office of the Fire District Secretary, in the Fairview Firehouse, 258 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie; at the office of the Town of Poughkeepsie Town Clerk, 1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie NY 12603; at the office of the Town of Hyde Park Town Clerk, 4383 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538; and online at [URL].

The Meeting will be held in accordance with the New York State Public Officers Law, as modified or suspended by Executive Order 202.1, issued on March 12, 2020 by Governor Andrew Cuomo and extended by subsequent Executive Orders.

EO 202.1 suspended Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to the extent necessary to allow any public body to meet and conduct public business without allowing the public to attend such meeting in person, and further authorized such meeting to be held remotely by telephone conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.

The Meeting will be convened at the Fairview Firehouse, 258 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, and it is anticipated that the Commissioners and staff will attend and participate in the Meeting in-person. In view of the on-going public health emergency, the guidance issued by federal, State and County health departments, and the restrictions on in-person meetings ordered by Executive Orders 202.4, as modified and extended by subsequent emergency orders, as well as the need to maintain the operational readiness of the Fairview Firehouse and District staff as first responders, in-person public attendance at the Firehouse will NOT be permitted.

Interested members of the public may attend the Meeting by telephone conference call using the Zoom Call Number and Meeting Code below.

When the Board opens the Public Hearing, members of the public wishing to be heard may use Zoom's Raise Hand function to request an opportunity to speak. To allow all interested parties to be heard, the Chairman may restrict the time for oral comments, but the Board of Fire Commissioners welcomes written comments, which may be submitted by email to the District Secretary at [secretary@fairviewfd.net](mailto:secretary@fairviewfd.net) or by mail to the Board of Fire Commissioners, 258 Violet Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Conference Call Number: 1 929 436 2866

Meeting Code: 880 1531 3896

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtduyrrzgiE9Lr3EsQlr1BE3ono6eYJYZx>

A transcript of the meeting will be available for public review within ten days of the meeting date.  
THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING.

1. The fiscal year of each fire district shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.

For each fiscal year, the board of fire commissioners of each fire district shall prepare and adopt an annual budget in accordance with this section.

2. (a) On or before the twenty-first day prior to the public hearing required by subdivision three of this section, the board of fire commissioners shall prepare and adopt a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Within the limitations specified in this article, ***the proposed budget shall contain detailed estimates in writing of the amount of revenues to be received and the appropriations required for expenditures to be made during such fiscal year for the purposes of such fire district.***

(b) On or before the last date provided by law for the adoption of the proposed budget, ***the board of fire commissioners shall prepare an estimate of the fund balance which shall be affixed to the proposed budget as an appendix thereto.*** The estimate of fund balance shall ***include a breakdown of such fund balance estimated for encumbrances, amounts estimated to be expended for the ensuing fiscal year, amounts reserved for stated purposes pursuant to law, including reserve funds established pursuant to the general municipal law, and the remaining unappropriated unreserved fund balance*** as that term is defined in [section one hundred three](#) of this chapter, provided that the remaining estimated unappropriated unreserved fund balance for each fund shall not exceed a reasonable amount, consistent with prudent budgeting practices, necessary to ensure the orderly operation of the fire district and the continued provision of services, taking into account factors including, but not limited to, the size of the fund, cash flows, the certainty with which the amounts of revenues and expenditures can be estimated, and the fire district's experience in prior fiscal years. For those districts which employ the cash basis of accounting, fund balance means the cash surplus estimated to be on hand at the close of the current fiscal year less claims payable therefrom and amounts reserved pursuant to law for stated purposes, including reserve funds established pursuant to the general municipal law.

(c) Upon adoption of the proposed budget by the board of fire commissioners, ***the proposed budget shall be***

***[1] filed in the office of the fire district secretary and maintained as a public document available for inspection and copying. The fire district secretary shall also***

***[2] reproduce a sufficient number of copies of the proposed budget for distribution upon request to the public and at no cost to the public.*** In addition, ***if the fire district maintains an internet website, the fire district secretary shall***

***[3] cause the proposed budget to be posted and maintained on the fire district's website until the day after the public hearing on the proposed budget.***

3. (a) The board of commissioners of each fire district ***shall hold a public hearing on the third Tuesday in October to discuss the contents of the proposed budget.*** The hearing shall be conducted and scheduled in a manner that maximizes participation. Notice of such public hearing shall be published at least once in the official newspaper, or if no official newspaper has been designated, in any newspaper having general circulation in the district. At least five days shall elapse between the date of the first publication of the notice and the date specified for the hearing.

***The notice of hearing shall state the time when and the place where the public hearing will be held, the purpose thereof and that a copy of the proposed budget is available at the office of the town clerk or clerks and fire district secretary where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.*** In the case of a fire district that maintains an internet website, ***the notice of hearing shall also state that the proposed budget is posted on the fire district's website.***

The town clerk or clerks shall cause a copy of the notice to be posted on the signboard of the town or towns, maintained pursuant to [subdivision six of section thirty](#) of this chapter, not later than five days before the day designated for such hearing. ***The notice shall also be posted on the municipal and/or fire district website or websites, if one exists.*** At such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

(b) After the public hearing, the board of fire commissioners may adopt changes, alterations and revisions to the proposed budget subject to the requirements of paragraph (a) of subdivision two of this section, except that the board of fire commissioners shall not add or increase an appropriation to a capital reserve fund. ***On or before the fourth day of November, the board of fire commissioners shall adopt as the annual budget of the fire district either the proposed budget or the proposed budget as changed, altered or revised after the public hearing.*** In the event that the board of fire commissioners fails to adopt the annual budget by such date, the proposed budget with such changes, alterations and revisions as shall have been adopted by the board of fire commissioners by that date shall constitute the annual budget of the fire district.

(c) Within three days after the adoption of the annual budget of a fire district, the fire district secretary shall prepare and deliver to the town clerk of each town in which the fire district is located two certified copies of the annual budget. Neither the town board, town supervisor, town clerk nor any other officer or employee of the town shall make any change to the annual budget of the fire district.

4. After the annual budget of a fire district has been affixed to the annual budget adopted by the town board and a certified copy presented to the board of supervisors of the county in which the town is situated as required by [section one hundred fifteen](#) of this chapter, the board of supervisors shall assess and levy upon the taxable real property within the several fire districts the amounts to be raised by tax for the purposes of the respective districts as specified in such annual fire district budget and shall cause the amount so assessed and levied to be collected, in the same manner and at the same time and by the same officers as town taxes are assessed, levied and collected. When such taxes are collected, the amount thereof shall be paid to the supervisor of the town and by him immediately paid to the treasurer of the respective fire districts. If a fire district includes taxable property located in more than one town, the amount to be assessed, levied and collected upon the property within each of such towns shall be apportioned in accordance with [section eight hundred six of the real property tax law](#) .

5. *Lots split by fire district boundaries.*

6. The treasurer of each fire district shall prepare and file annually in the office of the town clerk of each town in which any part of such fire district shall be located, and in the office of the state comptroller, a financial statement setting forth in detail the receipts and expenditures of such fire district. Such statement shall be filed in such offices within sixty days after the close of the fiscal year of the fire district.