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April 4, 2022

HomeTrust Bank PO Box 10 Asheville, NC 28802-0010

RE: Municipal Lease and Option Agreement between HomeTrust Bank and East Gold Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

I am Chairman of the Rowan County Board of Commissioners. This letter is to advise that East Gold Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is a qualified Volunteer Fire Department, assigned to protect a specific fire district within Rowan County.

In addition, the County provides an annual appropriation to be used exclusively to provide equipment, facilities, and training as is necessary to provide fire protection for said district. The funds may also be used to upgrade equipment as the need arises. The appropriation is disbursed by the Finance Office to the Fire Department on a regular basis by the County's Finance Director. The Fire Department is operated and managed by the Board of Directors of the Fire Department and the Officers of said Department. The Department is currently meeting the requirements of their fire service contract.

The Fire Department has made us aware of their intention to acquire new capital assets through a Lease Purchase transaction with your firm. Please be advised the County has no objection to the transaction.

Sincerely,

Gregory C. Edds, Chairman Rowan County Commissioners

Enclosure



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The funding for East Gold Hill Volunteer Fire Department Inc. has been progressive as per the following schedule:

Fiscal Year	Actual / Estimated <u>Tax Revenue</u>		Assessed Valuation	Rate Per \$100 Value
2022	\$	112,652	\$ 143,794,759	0.0800
2021		118,740	144,192,480	0.0800
2020		106,948	139,033,004	0.0800

Rowan County Finance Director