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For Immediate Release:

The Cahaba Valley Fire and Emergency Medical Rescue District has submitted a request to the Probate Court of Shelby County for an Election to modify the Schedule of Services Fees for the District. The District has developed a Strategic Plan to best support the needs of the members of the District for 2020-2025. This plan includes proposed modifications to the fees applied to Apartments, Hotels/Motels, and Fire Hydrants within the District. No other fees are affected by the proposed modification and there will be no increase in the residential fees.

The Strategic Plan has been developed to meet the needs of the District which have drastically changed over the last ten years of dynamic growth in the area. Emergency Call volume, which includes Fire, EMS, and public assistance/service calls, has increased by 81% since 2010, and will continue to increase as the area continues to grow.

There are two Hotel/Motel facilities and eight Apartment complexes within the District and calls to those facilities and complexes comprise 10% of EMS calls, 21.4% of Fire calls, and 4.4% of all public assistance/service calls. Due to the nature of the facilities and complexes, fire calls to both require more resources to respond.

The proposed modification for Apartments would set the annual fee for an apartment to \$320, and Apartment Offices and Clubhouses will be assessed annually based on \$0.1680/square foot. Hotels/Motels would set the annual fee at \$100.00/hotel/motel room and offices/common areas will be assessed annually based on \$0.1680/square foot.

The Election will be held on September 1, 2020, from 7:00am-7:00pm at the Church of Brook Hills, located at 3145 Brook Highland Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama 35242. The Election is open to all qualified electors residing within the Cahaba Valley Fire and Emergency Medical Rescue District.

Should you have any questions concerning this Press Release, please contact Public Information Officer Grant Wilkinson, grant.wilkinson@cahabavalleyfire.org.

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