

**MADISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MADISON COUNTY, KY
RESOLUTION 2026-075**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROPOSED FIRE RESPONSE RUN AREA FOR
THE BERA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; FINDING THE AREA TO BE
PRESENTLY UNSERVED; AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE KENTUCKY FIRE
COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Fiscal Court is charged with promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Madison County and recognizes the importance of providing adequate fire protection services throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, KRS Chapter 75 and the administrative regulations of the Kentucky Fire Commission governing the establishment and approval of fire department response areas authorize local governments to establish and submit proposed fire response areas for approval by the Kentucky Fire Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Fiscal Court along with the City of Berea has determined that the area identified on the attached map, incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**, is not currently assigned to an approved fire department response area and is therefore underserved with respect to fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed response area has been reviewed and determined to be capable of being adequately served by the Berea Volunteer Fire Department utilizing its existing personnel, equipment, facilities, and operational capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Fiscal Court finds that the proposed response area is consistent with the public interest and will improve emergency response capabilities and fire protection for the affected residents; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Fiscal Court further finds that the proposed response area does not conflict with an existing Kentucky Fire Commission-approved fire department response area; or, if any overlap or modification is identified during the Kentucky Fire Commission review process, Madison County shall comply with all notification, documentation, and procedural requirements established by the Kentucky Fire Commission prior to final approval; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Fiscal Court desires to submit the proposed response area to the Kentucky Fire Commission for review and approval in accordance with all applicable statutes and administrative regulations; and

WHEREAS, upon approval by the Kentucky Fire Commission, Madison County desires to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Berea Volunteer Fire Department establishing the terms under which the Department will provide fire protection services to the approved response area;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MADISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Approval of Proposed Run Area

The Madison County Fiscal Court hereby approves the proposed fire department response area identified on **Exhibit A** and designates the Berea Volunteer Fire Department as the proposed fire service provider for the area, subject to approval by the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Section 2. Submission to the Kentucky Fire Commission

The County Judge/Executive is hereby authorized and directed to submit this Resolution, the proposed Run Area Map, and any additional applications, maps, affidavits, certifications, notices, or supporting documentation required by the Kentucky Fire Commission to obtain approval of the proposed response area.

Section 3. Compliance with Kentucky Fire Commission Requirements

Madison County shall comply with all applicable provisions of KRS Chapter 75 and all Kentucky Fire Commission administrative regulations governing the establishment, modification, or approval of fire department response areas, including any required notice to adjoining fire departments or governmental entities, should such notice become necessary.

Section 4. Memorandum of Agreement

Upon approval of the proposed response area by the Kentucky Fire Commission, the County Judge/Executive is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute, on behalf of the Madison County Fiscal Court, a Memorandum of Agreement with the Berea Volunteer Fire Department for the provision of fire protection services within the approved response area.

The Memorandum of Agreement may include, but is not limited to:

- Fire protection and emergency response responsibilities;
- Operational expectations and service standards;
- Mutual aid obligations;
- Reporting requirements;
- Insurance and liability provisions;
- Compliance with applicable state and local laws;
- Term, renewal, amendment, and termination provisions; and
- Any additional terms deemed necessary by the County Attorney and approved by the County Judge/Executive.

The Memorandum of Agreement shall be subject to review and approval by the Madison County Attorney as to form and legality.

Section 5. Implementation

Following approval by the Kentucky Fire Commission and execution of the Memorandum of Agreement, the Berea Volunteer Fire Department shall become the designated provider of fire protection services for the approved response area.

Section 6. Additional Authority

The County Judge/Executive, County Attorney, Madison County Emergency Management Director, Fire Chief, Emergency Communication Center, and any other appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution and satisfy all requirements of the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 11TH day of August 2026.

Motion made by Bath, seconded by Combs.

Vote: YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT

Magistrate James Brian Combs	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Magistrate Stephen Lochmueller	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Magistrate Tom Botkin	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Signed:

R-22
Reagan Taylor
Madison County Judge/Executive

8-11-2026
Date

Attested:

Kenny Barger
Kenny Barger
Madison County Clerk

8-11-2026
Date

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Madison County Fiscal Court at a meeting held on the 11TH day of August 2026.

Kenny Barger
Fiscal Court Clerk

Exhibit A

Proposed Berea Volunteer Fire Department Response Area Map
(Attached)

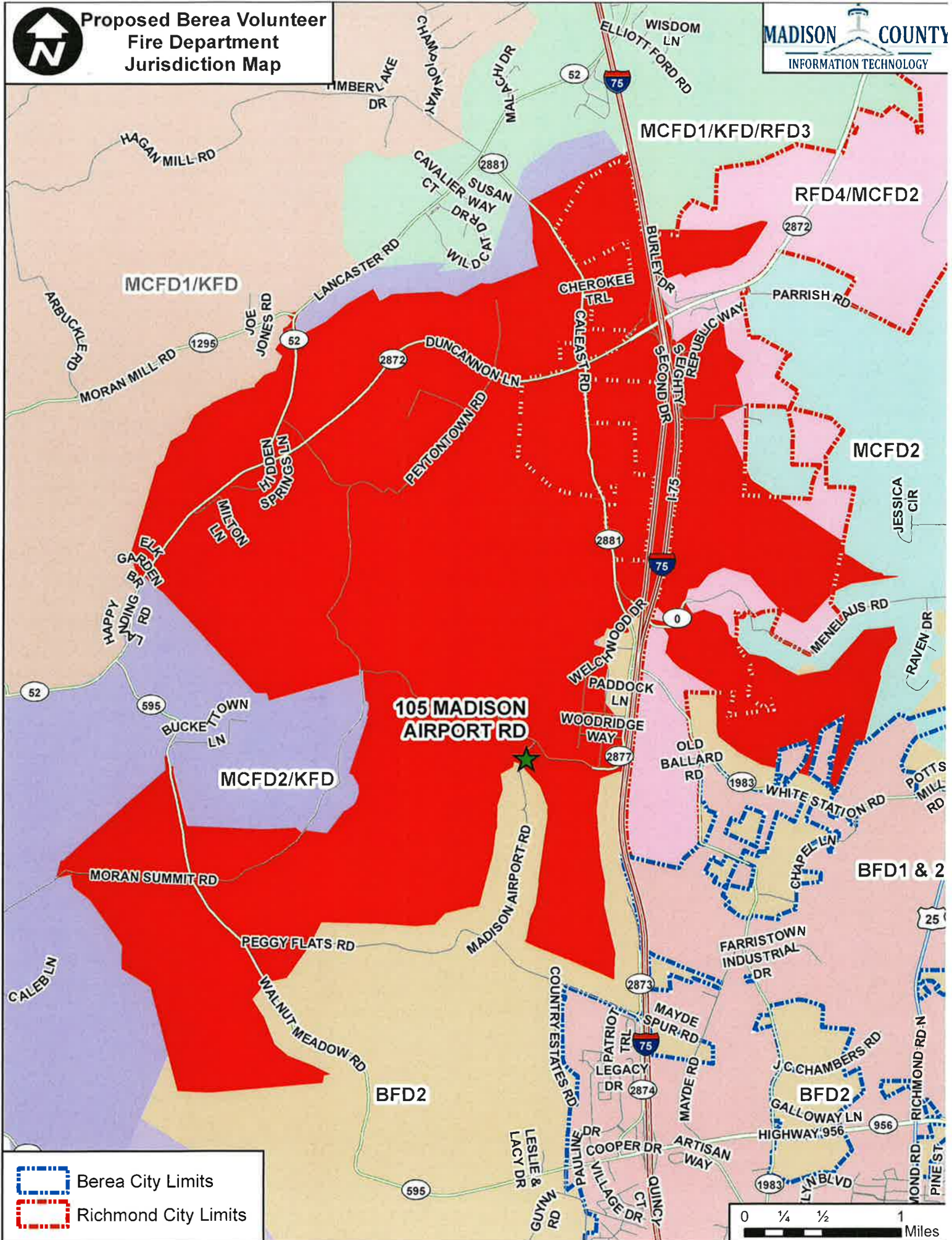
Exhibit B

Application
(Attached)



Proposed Berea Volunteer Fire Department Jurisdiction Map

MADISON COUNTY
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION
KFS-3
NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION

Fire Department established under KRS chapter:

- ☐ 67 County Government
☐ 75 Fire Tax District
☐ 95 City Government
☐ 273 Non-Profit Organization
☐ Industrial Fire Brigade/Department

Fire Commission Office Use Only:

Date Application Received: _____

FDID Number Assigned: _____

Fire Department Name: Berea Volunteer Fire Rescue

Physical Street Address: 105 Madison Airport Rd

Mailing Address: Po Box 911

City: Berea County: Ky ZIP: 40403

Fire Department Email Address: bereaescue911@gmail.com

Fire Department Telephone #: 859-985-9112 Fax #: _____

Federal Identification Number: 81-3280057

Fire Chief Information

Fire Chief Name: Mike Morris

Email Address: Mike_Morris@Berea.edu

Address: 112 Bond St

City: Berea County: madison ZIP: 40403

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: 859-661-2768

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

☐ Completed Application

☐ Written explanation of requested Fire Department Boundaries

☐ Map of Fire Department Boundaries clearly noted

☐ Letter(s) from Chief of department relinquishing coverage area
(If taking over area from other department(s))



Madison County Fire Department

560 South Keeneland Dr.

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August 10, 2026

Madison County Fire Department is in good standing to give the proposed fire area to Berea Volunteer and looks forward to the response time and added benefits to our citizens in that area of the county to have a dedicated fire service in their area.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Gray", written over a horizontal line.

Timothy W Gray

Madison County Fire Chief

Madison County Emergency Management Director

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