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Mayor Chet Thomas  
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Dear Mayor Thomas:

Due to yet another year of increasing property values along with new builds within Hideaway, there will be a slight increase in the contract for fire protection. Currently the City of Hideaway is paying \$34,879.00 per month. According to the Smith County Appraisal District, the FY 2025-2026 property values for the city of Hideaway are \$649,024,157.00. The new monthly rate for fire protection effective January 1, 2026 will be \$36,560.00. The tax rate for Smith County ESD No. 1 was 0.068240 per \$100.00 valuation compared to the current rate of 0.068865 per \$100.00 valuation. I have enclosed a copy of the worksheet used to calculate the contract amount. If you or the council have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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