SCHEDULE H TO
MUNICIPAL LEASE AND OPTION AGREEMENT
Lake James Fire and Rescue, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
AND EVIDENCE OF NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

APPROVAL OF Burke County FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OBLIGATIONS BY Lake James Fire and Rescue, Inc.

WHEREAS, Lake James Fire and Rescue, Inc., a nonprofit corporation and volunteer fire department, organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina, (the "Fire Department") intends to issue a tax-exempt debt obligation (the "Obligation") to provide for the financing of a Quick Attack Fire Truck (collectively, the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an agreement between the Burke County, a municipal corporation of the State of North Carolina (the "District") such District not otherwise provided with any other firefighting or fire rescue services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), approval of the issuance of the Obligation is required to be given by the applicable elected representative of the governmental unit on behalf of which the Obligation is to be issued and the governmental unit where the Equipment will be located, after a public hearing is held following reasonable public notice thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f)(4)(B) of the Code, Section 1.147(f)-1(b)(5) of the U.S. Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations"), and Section 150(e)(2)(B) of the Code, the Local Government is treated as the governmental unit on behalf of which the Obligation is to be issued, and is also the governmental unit where the Equipment is located; and

WHEREAS, the notice of public hearing, as shown on **Schedule 1** attached hereto, advised the public that a public hearing would be held on the date set forth in such notice, to discuss the proposed issuance of the Obligation by the Fire Department on behalf of the Local Government, and that interested parties would be afforded an opportunity to express their views at that public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the applicable elected official of the Local Government, within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 1.147(f)-1(e) of the Regulations, authorized to approve the issuance of the Obligation for the Equipment in a principal amount not to exceed $483,265.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, a public hearing on the proposed financing having been duly called and held by the Fire Department, on behalf of the Local Government, and all those in favor of the plan of finance, including, the issuance of the Obligation to pay all or a portion of the costs of the Equipment and those opposed to the plan of finance, including, the issuance of the Obligation having had an opportunity to be heard at such public hearing, a report of such public hearing having been duly made, appropriate findings and any appropriate certification or determination of the Equipment need having been provided, the plan of finance and issuance of the Obligation to finance the Equipment is hereby approved.

Pursuant to applicable state law, the Fire Department will issue the Obligation on behalf of the Local Government and use the proceeds thereof to finance all or a part of the Equipment as herein described. The Equipment will be owned and operated by the Fire Department to provide firefighting and fire rescue services exclusively for the benefit of the Local Government and within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District and located at the following address: 3222 NC Hwy 126 Morganton NC 28655. The purpose of the purchase of the Equipment by the Fire Department with proceeds of the Obligation is Fire Protection for the Community.

Dated: 8/19/2026

By: _____

Name: _____
Chairman
Burke County Commission