



SMITHS STATION FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP CONSIDERATION

To qualify for hardship assistance:

1. An applicant must be the owner(s) of the residential property and entitled to a homestead exemption pursuant to the requirements of Alabama Law.
2. The owner(s) shall have the present intent to maintain the residential property as his/her/their permanent residence and must notify the Fire Protection District if he/she moves out of the residence.
3. The total household income of all lawful occupants of the property shall be less than or equal to 30% of the 2022 Income Limits Documentation System established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as adjusted for family size. The following chart sets forth the total household income which cannot be exceeded to be eligible for hardship assistance:

1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
\$18,350	\$20,950	\$23,550	\$27,750	\$32,470	\$37,190	\$41,910	\$46,630

4. Proof of the total household income of all occupants of the residential property from all sources and other documentation required to demonstrate qualification as a Low-Income Person. Substantive documentation may include: Social Security Income Statements, IRS Income Tax Returns, and W2s. Applications submitted without proper documentation may be denied.
5. By signing below, owners indicate that they are entitled to the hardship assistance
6. The applicant shall furnish such other information relating to the application as may be reasonably requested.

Property Owner(s)Initials:

Property Owner(s): _____

Property Owner Phone: _____

Property Address: _____

Property City/St/Zip: _____

Do you have a current homestead exemption on this residence?

How many people (related or not) regularly live or reside at the residence? _____

Total Annual Household Income: _____

Source of Income: _____

Explain Hardship: _____

AFFIDAVIT: I hereby swear or affirm under penalty of law that the information I have provided in this application, and in any accompanying paperwork, is true and correct. I understand that all information will be verified and knowingly providing false information can lead to disqualification for future assistance.

Owner(s) Signature

Date

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read and have all property owners initial page 1
2. Completely fill out page 2
3. Have all property owners sign page 2
4. Mail pages 1 & 2 along with all required documentation to:

Smiths Station Fire Protection District
50 Lee Road 430
Smiths Station, AL 36877

Once your request has been received the business office will call you to let you know it has been received and if you are missing any documents or signatures. If you are missing any documents or signatures you will have to correct the error before your application and move forward.

Once your application is 100% complete the business office will notify you of the Date and Time of the Board Meeting where your application will be considered.

After the Board Meeting (if you do not attend) the business office will send you a letter notifying you of the Board's decision.

Any Hardship granted by the board shall be valid for no more than 6 months in arrears and no more than 12 months in the future. You need to reapply each year.

NOTICE: The Board of Directors does NOT have the legal ability to waive any part of the \$50 per year Fire Fee that was passed in 2012 and is Collected by the Revenue Commissioner.