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## Fwd: Town of Apple Valley EN 319 Tier 2 Public Safety and Firefighter Retirement System pickup elections.

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**Michelle Kinney** <mkinney@applevalleyut.gov>  
To: Town of Apple Valley <mayor@applevalleyut.gov>  
Cc: "(Jenna) Town Clerk" <clerk@applevalleyut.gov>

Tue, Jun 2, 2026 at 1:05 PM

Mayor,

The member contribution rate for the URS Public Safety Retirement System is increasing this year. As a result, URS requires participating employers to complete a new Contribution Rate Election Form and obtain approval from the governing body. URS has also changed its requirements, and annual renewal of the employer pickup election is now mandatory.

Currently, the Town covers 4.73% of the employee contribution that the chief would otherwise personally pay. The new required contribution rate will increase to 5.98%.

The Town Council must decide whether to:

- Continue the current pickup amount and require employees to pay the increase;
- Pick up a portion of the additional contribution.
- Pick up the full increased amount, or
- Do not pick up anything and have him pay the full amount.

URS requires documentation of the Council's decision in the meeting minutes, which must be submitted with the election form.

Would you please approve placing this item on the next Town Council agenda so the Council can consider and determine the Town's pickup of the increased retirement contribution rate prior to July?

Thanks

Michelle Kinney  
Town of Apple Valley  
Administrative Manager  
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[1777 N Meadowlark Dr.](#)  
[Apple Valley UT 84737](#)

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From: **Alayna Putscher** <[Alayna.Putscher@urs.org](mailto:Alayna.Putscher@urs.org)>  
Date: Tue, Jun 2, 2026 at 11:09 AM  
Subject: Town of Apple Valley EN 319 Tier 2 Public Safety and Firefighter Retirement System pickup elections.  
To: [mkinney@applevalleyut.gov](mailto:mkinney@applevalleyut.gov) <[mkinney@applevalleyut.gov](mailto:mkinney@applevalleyut.gov)>

*Business Administrator,*

*Member contribution rates in the Tier 2 Public Safety and Firefighter Retirement System will be increasing effective July 1, 2026.*

*If you would like to increase the percentage of the member contributions your organization picks up on behalf of your members, please make certain to have a formal election made by your governing body and have that election documentation and a form returned to URS prior to July 1, 2026.*

Please respond to this e-mail with your form and formal election (e.g., resolution, meeting minutes).

We do not have any documentation from you yet to increase the pickup election. Unless you take this action, your pickup election will not change. If you have questions, please call us at 801-366-7318 or 800-753-7318.

Thank you,

**Alayna Putscher**  
Employer Information Coordinator  
Employer Services

[Utah Retirement Systems](#)  
Phone: (801) 366-7569  
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**Mayor** <mayor@applevalleyut.gov>  
To: Michelle Kinney <mkinney@applevalleyut.gov>  
Cc: "(Jenna) Town Clerk" <clerk@applevalleyut.gov>

Tue, Jun 2, 2026 at 1:08 PM

Michelle,

Approved to be on the agenda. Can you give me an approximate monthly dollar amount if we did the extra contribution?

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Best Regards  
Mike Farrar  
Mayor - Town of Apple Valley  
[1777 N. Meadowlark Dr.](#)  
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**Michelle Kinney** <mkinney@applevalleyut.gov>  
To: Mayor <mayor@applevalleyut.gov>  
Cc: "(Jenna) Town Clerk" <clerk@applevalleyut.gov>

Tue, Jun 2, 2026 at 2:24 PM

The current amount is \$3,074.50 per year; it will increase to \$3,887.00 per year a difference of \$812.50. The town is currently mandated to pay up to 14.08% in retirement contributions for public safety personnel. The FY2027 amount is set at 20.06% which exceeds the mandated maximum. Retirement contributions increase with every pay increase because they are based on a percentage of the salary. For a salary of \$65,000, the total contribution amount should be about \$9,152.00 at the mandated rate of 14.08%. The current rate we pay is 18.81% \$12,226.50, and an increase to 20.06% results in \$13,039 paid in retirement contributions for the fire chief.

**Michelle Kinney**