

March 30, 2026

**To the Mayor and Hyrum City Council,**

Please accept this letter and the accompanying application as a formal expression of my interest in being appointed to the Hyrum City Council for the vacancy to be discussed at the April 2, 2026, meeting. Having been a resident of Hyrum for the past five years, I have grown to love this community, its people, and the unique quality of life we enjoy here.

**Professional Background and Leadership**

My professional career has been defined by leadership and a deep involvement in infrastructure and public service. Since 2004, I have served in executive leadership roles, including co-founding a company focused on bringing broadband and enhanced public safety capabilities to rural communities, and expanding to support critical infrastructure networks, particularly in the utility industry. My experience includes:

- **Executive Leadership:** Currently serving as Executive VP of Komodo Systems.
- **Board Experience:** Previously served on the Board of Directors for Conxx, Inc., Skypacket, and Conxx NE.
- **Utility Expertise:** Extensive experience working with major Northeast utilities on network engineering and power grid monitoring.
- **Community Service:** Served as an LDS bishop in Maryland for six years, and over 20 years as a youth leader.

**Vision for Hyrum City**

I believe my background in utility infrastructure gives me a unique and useful perspective, especially regarding Hyrum Power and our city's culinary and secondary water systems. As a member of the Council, my priorities would include:

- **Responsible Growth:** Ensuring that rapid development does not outpace our water, power, sewer, and traffic infrastructure.
- **Fiscal Oversight:** Providing support and guidance to ensure city budget dollars are utilized effectively and transparently.

Hyrum is a well-run city with incredible amenities—from our parks and museum to our local library. I am eager to contribute my skills and experience to ensure Hyrum remains an affordable, high-quality place to live for all residents.

Thank you for your time and for considering my application to serve this wonderful community.

Sincerely,



David E. Kartchner

82 N 100 E

Hyrum, UT 84319

# City Council Member Appointment Application

Name: David E. Kartchner

Address: 82 N 100 E, Hyrum, UT 84319

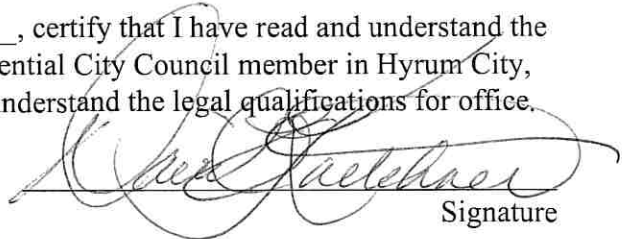
Phone: (801 ) 699 - 9300 Email: dkartch@gmail.com

Number of years as a Hyrum resident: 5 U.S. Citizen (Y/N) Y Registered voter? (Y/N) Y

### Requirements for Office:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen and a registered voter of Hyrum City;
2. Must have resided within the boundaries of Hyrum City for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment;
3. Must not be a convicted felon; must not have been convicted of treason or of an election crime; must not have been declared mentally incompetent; and must not have had the right to hold public office restricted - unless convicted felon's right to vote or hold office has been restored pursuant to Article IV, Section 6, of the Utah Constitution and U.C.A. 20A-2-101.5.

I, David E. Kartchner, certify that I have read and understand the Requirements for Office listed above to file as a potential City Council member in Hyrum City, Utah, and verify that I meet said requirements and understand the legal qualifications for office.



Signature

State of Utah  
County of Cache



NOTARY PUBLIC  
**IVAN CHERRY**  
My Commission # 747619  
My Commission Expires  
March 2, 2030  
STATE OF UTAH

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 30th day of March,  
2026 by David Kartchner.



Notary Public  
My commission expires Mar 2nd 2030

**Please provide responses to the following questions:** (Attach separate pages if necessary)

*Note: Any information submitted with this application is considered public, will be provided to the Mayor and City Council, and will be made available to the public in the City Council Agenda Packet for the April 2, 2026 meeting.*

1. Why do you want to serve on the Hyrum City Council?

I have been a resident in Hyrum City for five years. I love the location, the community and the people I have come to know here. I am a native Utahn, but lived in the Maryland for several years before returning to Utah.

I co-founded a company that brought broadband and enhanced public safety capabilities to rural communities in the Northeast, and have had the opportunity to work closely with many of the local county and city governments in Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio and West Virginia.

I believe that I have something to contribute, and would like to give back to this wonderful community in which I live.

2. What do you hope to accomplish as a City Council Member?

I see my role as an advocate for the members of our community. I want to understand the city's budget and priorities and provide support and guidance to ensure that the dollars that support Hyrum are utilized properly and effectively. I realize that growth is inevitable, but I hope to be able to provide input for the City's long-term plans for economic development and growth, while also considering the impact on our current quality of life and the capacity of our city systems to support that growth.

3. What is your vision for Hyrum City, and what role will you play in realizing that vision?

Hyrum is a rapidly growing community. While I do not want to discourage growth, it needs to take into account the demands for water, power, sewer and traffic infrastructure required to support that growth, while preserving the quality of life for the residents that live here. As a Council member, I would work with my associates on the City Council to provide the needed direction to accommodate our community needs and capacity vs growth.

4. If you could change one thing in the city, what would it be?

I believe that we could do a better job of enforcing the existing ordinances on the books, including those regarding animals and some of the industrial business activities that take place within the city limits. We should enforce the existing code, and if there are areas we need to change, I would make recommendations to effect those changes.

5. What is your understanding of the city budget?

Hyrum's budget is more complex than most of the communities in Cache Valley. Along with the typical maintenance, emergency services and parks budgets, Hyrum also has a power utility, sewer system and culinary and secondary water systems that are not found in many other communities the size of Hyrum.

Hyrum is fortunate to have good employees, and is a well-run city, compared to others that I have worked with. That said, I believe that there are always improvements that can be made as we direct the city funds to meet the needs and improve the amenities that Hyrum residents are privileged to enjoy.

6. Have you followed the City Council meetings last year? What do you believe that they have done well, and what could they have done better?

I have not watched or followed the city council meetings over the last year. Up to now, my time has been focused on my own company that I co-founded in 2004.

7. Have you previously served on a governing board of any type or as a leader in any organization? If so, please list your role and number of years served.

I am currently serving as Executive VP of Komodo Systems (merged with Conxx, Inc. in 2019), and have been in executive leadership roles since Conxx was formed in 2004. I have also served as an LDS bishop in Maryland for six years. I served on the Board of Directors for Conxx, Inc., and also with Skypacket and Conxx NE, which are entities that were all part of the original company we founded in 2004 but later spun off into their own operating companies. I resigned as a director of those entities in 2022 to focus on my work with Komodo Systems, but have retained my shares of interest in those companies.

8. Please tell us about any other activities, specialized skills, knowledge, or professional experience that would contribute to your effectiveness in serving on the City Council.

While I have not served on any local government boards or committees, I have worked with many of them in local governments across Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and Ohio. Our company focused on delivering public safety and rural broadband networks that serve those communities on a single platform that could meet both the local government communication requirements as well as public broadband needs. All of these communities were rural in nature, not unlike Hyrum.

We have since branched out in working with some of the largest utilities in the Northeast doing network engineering and providing state of the art network management for their critical network monitoring their power grid and natural gas systems. Our customers

include Commonwealth Edison (Chicago), Baltimore Gas & Electric, Philadelphia Electric, PEPCO (Washington DC), Delmarva Power (Delaware) and ACE (New Jersey). My background in working with these companies gives me a useful perspective as it relates to Hyrum Power.

9. If you could change one thing in our development code, what would it be and why?

I have not had a chance to review the city's development code. However, I have been concerned about the rapid growth and the very large projects that I have heard that have been proposed.

I was also concerned about the inclusion of Nibley into our sewer system, and that it will drive the capacity up to the point where it appears we must expand the plant sooner than was originally anticipated.

I have also watched the development that has been going off-and-on at the corner of 300 E and Main Street that to me has seemed a disaster, both for the developer and for the neighbors in that area.

I believe that there are areas of the code that we need to look at, but as I am filing this at short notice, I have not had the opportunity to familiarize myself with the current development code.

10. What do you believe are the three greatest strengths of Hyrum City?

I would have to start with the people. The people I have met and have come to know are wonderful, good people.

The second strength are the recreational and learning amenities that the City either owns or that that are in the area nearby. The City has a wonderful set of parks both in the City and up the canyon. My family has really enjoyed those venues, and we have appreciated a city that has taken the time and invested the resources to create and maintain those venues. And I must mention the Hyrum City Library. With the debacle we are watching with the county's library system, I appreciate the fact we have a wonderful library to serve our community. We also enjoy the museum and the Elite Hall.

The third is the infrastructure. The fact that Hyrum owns the power grid, the sewer system and water systems, it provides a level of local control that most other communities lack. Having come from a community in Maryland where my power, water and sewer bills were four times the cost of what it is here highlights a big reason Hyrum is such an affordable place to live. I see much of that as a result of the City's foresight to develop those resources.

*Contact Stephanie Fricke, City Recorder, at 435-245-6033 or  
stephanie.fricke@hyrumcity.gov with questions. Completed applications may be submitted  
in person or by email (must be signed & notarized).*

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Candidate/Officeholder: David E. Kartchner

Office: City Council

1A: The name and address of each of the regulated officeholder's current employers and each of the regulated officeholder's employers during the preceding year.

- Current Employer(s)/Address(es):  
Komodo Systems, Inc.  
155 N 400 W, Suite 580  
Salt Lake City, UT 84103
- Previous Employer(s)/Address(es):

1B: For each employer described in Item 1A, a brief description of the employment, including the regulated officeholder's occupation, and, as applicable, job title.

- Current Employment:  
Executive Vice President and Co-founder
- Previous Employment:

2A: For each entity in which the regulated officeholder is an owner or officer, or was an owner or officer during the preceding year, the name of the entity(ies).

Komodo Systems, Inc.

2B: A brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity(ies) described in Item 2A

Network Management Software designed for management of critical infrastructure networks.  
Network engineering consulting services for critical infrastructure networks.

2C: Regulated officeholder's position in the entity(ies) described in Item 2A  
Shareholder and Executive Vice President

3A: For each individual from whom, or entity from which, the regulated officeholder has received \$5,000 or more in income during the preceding year the name of individual(s) or entity(ies).

Komodo Systems, Inc.

3B: A brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the individual(s) or entity(ies) described in item 3A.

Network Management Software designed for management of critical infrastructure networks.  
Network engineering consulting services for critical infrastructure networks.

4A: For each entity in which the regulated officeholder holds any stocks or bonds having a fair market value of \$5,000 or more as of this date, or during the preceding year, the name of the entity(ies) (excluding funds that are managed by a third party, including blind trusts, managed investment accounts, and mutual funds).

Komodo Systems, Inc.  
SkyPacket, Inc.  
Conxx NE, Inc.

4B: A brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity(ies) described in Item 4A.

Network Engineering / Network Management software (Komodo Systems)  
Wireless Internet Service (SkyPacket)  
Network construction / integration (Conxx NE)

5A: For each entity not listed in 2A through 4B in which the regulated officeholder currently serves, or served in the preceding year, in a paid leadership capacity or in a paid or unpaid position on a board of directors, the name of the entity(ies) or organization(s)

None

5B: A brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity(ies) or organization(s) described in Item 5A

N/A

5C: The type of position held by the regulated officeholder in the entity(ies) or organization(s) described in Item 5A.

N/A

6A (Optional): A description of any real property(ies) in which the regulated officeholder holds an ownership or other financial interest that the regulated officeholder believes may constitute a conflict of interest.

None

6B (Optional): A description of the type of interest held by the regulated officeholder in the property(ies) described in Item 6A.

N/A

7A: The name of the regulated officeholder's spouse.

- Spouse's Name:  
Sharie S. Kartchner

The name of each of the regulated officeholder's spouse's current employers and each of the regulated officeholder's spouse's employers during the preceding year, if the regulated officeholder believes the employment may constitute a conflict of interest.

- Spouse's Current Employer(s):  
Self employed (piano teacher)
- Spouse's Previous Employer(s):

7B: The name of any adult residing in the regulated officeholder's household who is not related to the officeholder by blood.

- Other Adults:  
None

7C: For each adult described in Subsection 7B, a brief description of the adult's employment or occupation, if the regulated officeholder believes the adult's presence in the regulated officeholder's household may constitute a conflict of interest.

N/A

8A (Optional): A description of any other matter or interest that the regulated officeholder believes may constitute a conflict of interest.

None

Date: March 30, 2026

I, the regulated officeholder or candidate, believe this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. (Check box)

I am an at-risk government employee, and/or my spouse is an at-risk government employee as that term is defined in Subsection 63G-2-303(1)(a). I request that information relating to my employment, as well as my spouse's name and employment be redacted in accordance with 20A-11-1604(7)(a). (Check box)

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

Candidate/Officeholder's Signature

**Privacy Notice:**

The personal data collected in this form will be available to the public under 63G-2-301.

Any personal data redacted in accordance with 20A-11-1604(7)(a) is not considered a public record under 63G-2-301. This data will be used for administrative purposes and will not be displayed to the public. This information is required under 20A-11-1604. Violation of this section may result in a class B misdemeanor and a \$100 fine. The information, unless specified, will be publicly available on the disclosures and possibly other election-related websites. Personal data collected on the website will not be sold. The personal data will be included in the record series GRS 1911.


**Candidate Financial Disclosure**  
**Financial Campaign Report for Municipal Offices**

Name of Candidate			
<b>David E. Kartchner</b>			
Address	City	State	Zip Code
82 N 100 E, Hyrum, UT 84319			

Office	Phone Number
City Council	<b>801-699-9300</b>
	Email
	<b>dkartch@gmail.com</b>

Type of Report	
<u>Mark the applicable report</u> <input type="radio"/> 30 Days after elimination <input type="radio"/> Seven days preceding the Primary election <input type="radio"/> 30 days after the Primary election <input type="radio"/> Seven days preceding the General election <input type="radio"/> 30 days after the General election <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>Mid-Term Vacancy</b>	<u>Is this report an amendment?</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes, Date of Original report _____

Affirmation	I, <b>David E. Kartchner</b>
	<small>Printed Name of Candidate</small>
affirm that this Report of Contributions and Expenditures is true, accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.	

Signature	Date
	<b>March 29, 2026</b>

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# Candidate Financial Disclosure

## Summary Page

Note: Complete this page after filling out Schedule A and Schedule B

Balance at Beginning of Reporting Period	
A	0
Contributions Received this Period	Contributions Received Year to Date
B	C
0	0
Expenditures Made this Period	Expenditures Made Year to Date
D	E
0	0
Subtotal before Expenditures (Box A + Box B)	
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0	
Balance at Close of Reporting Period (Box F - Box D)	
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David E Kartchner	
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