



Executive Summary

City Council Business Meeting

AGENDA ITEM-NEW BUSINESS:	Termination of Participation in PERA Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan and Surplus Distribution
PREPARED BY:	Jacob Kolander, City Administrator
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommend the City Council adopt the resolution to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and to facilitate a smooth transition for affected firefighters.	

Summary

As part of the transition of fire services to the West Suburban Fire District, the City of Maple Plain Volunteer Fire Department will be dissolved effective December 31, 2025. The City currently participates in the PERA Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) Plan, which provides lump-sum retirement benefits to eligible volunteer firefighters. The most recent actuarial valuation (as of December 31, 2025) shows the plan is 116.29% funded, with a surplus of \$243,097. Under Minnesota Statutes §353G.18, when a fire department terminates its participation in the SVF Plan:

- All active and deferred members must be fully vested.
- All plan assets, including any surplus, must be distributed to eligible firefighters.
- The surplus cannot be retained by the City or transferred to the successor fire district.

The attached resolution formally terminates the City's participation in the SVF Plan and authorizes PERA to distribute all assets, including the surplus, to eligible firefighters in accordance with state law.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the City Council adopt the resolution to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and to facilitate a smooth transition for affected firefighters