

**MONTANA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION (MPERA)**

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**OPTIONAL PERS MEMBERSHIP - LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL**  
**For Retired PERS Members**

Section 19-3-412, MCA, makes participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) optional for a new local elected official working in an elected position. You may participate in PERS for this elected position or you may decline. If you choose to participate in PERS as an active member, regular contributions will be deducted from your compensation as a local elected official.

You cannot receive PERS retirement benefits while contributing to PERS through this or any other PERS-covered employment. If you choose to participate in PERS through this elected position, your retirement benefit must be terminated for the duration of your elected term of office.

Please complete the following election and sign below:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ officially took office on \_\_\_\_\_, am currently employed  
Print Name Date

as \_\_\_\_\_.  
Mayor, Councilman, Commissioner

I **decline** to participate in PERS while serving as a local elected official. I wish to remain a retired PERS member.

I **choose** to participate in PERS while serving as a local elected official. Please terminate my monthly retirement benefit.

The following requirements apply.

- You must file this election within 90 days of taking office.
- You may not receive retirement benefits while actively contributing to PERS.
- If you participate in PERS for this elected position and become active in another PERS-covered position, you may not once again retire from PERS until you terminate from all PERS-covered positions.

Questions? Contact MPERA at 444-3154 or toll free (877) 275-7372.

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Signature of Local Elected Official Date Social Security Number\*

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Mailing Address City MT Zip Code

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Local Government Entity

\*For ID purposes. §19-2-403(7), MCA RETURN TO MPERA; EMPLOYER RETAINS COPY FOR RECORDS