

City of Kingman

Public Safety Personnel Retirement System

Pension Funding Policy

The intent of this policy is to clearly communicate the City Council's pension funding objectives and its commitment to our employees and the sound financial management of the City and to comply with new statutory requirements of Laws 2018, Chapter 112.

Several terms are used throughout this policy:

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) – Is the difference between trust assets and the estimated future cost of pensions earned by employees. This UAAL results from actual results (interest earnings, member mortality, disability rates, etc.) being different from the assumptions used in previous actuarial valuations.

Annual Required Contribution (ARC) – Is the annual amount required to pay into the pension funds, as determined through annual actuarial valuations. It is comprised of two primary components: normal pension cost – which is the estimated cost of pension benefits earned by employees in the current year; and, amortization of UAAL – which is the cost needed to cover the unfunded portion of pensions earned by employees in previous years. The UAAL is collected over a period of time referred to as the amortization period. The ARC is a percentage of the current payroll.

Funded Ratio – Is a ratio of fund assets to actuarial accrued liability. The higher the ratio the better funded the pension is with 100% being fully funded.

Intergenerational equity – Ensures that no generation is burdened by substantially more or less pension costs than past or future generations.

The City's police and fire employees who are regularly assigned hazardous duty participate in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS).

Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS)

PSPRS is administered as an agent multiple-employer pension plan. An agent multiple-employer plan has two main functions: 1) to comingle assets of all plans under its administration, thus achieving economy of scale for more cost efficient investments, and invest those assets for the benefit of all members under its administration and 2) serve as the statewide uniform administrator for the distribution of benefits.

Under an agent multiple-employer plan each agency participating in the plan has an individual trust fund reflecting that agencies' assets and liabilities. Under this plan all contributions are deposited to and distributions are made from that fund's assets, each fund

has its own funded ratio and contribution rate, and each fund has a unique annual actuarial valuation. The City of Kingman has two trust funds, one for police employees and one for fire employees.

Council formally accepts the assets, liabilities, and current funding ratio of the City's PSPRS trust funds from the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation, which are detailed below.

Trust Fund	Assets	Accrued Liability	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	Funded Ratio
Kingman Police	\$15,721,972	\$30,382,355	\$14,660,383	51.7%
Kingman Fire	\$16,853,205	\$32,402,197	\$15,548,992	52.0%
City of Kingman Totals	\$32,575,177	\$62,784,552	\$30,209,375	51.9%

PSPRS Funding Goal

Pensions that are less than fully funded place the cost of service provided in earlier periods on the current taxpayers. Fully funded pension plans are the best way to achieve taxpayer and member intergenerational equity. Most funds in PSPRS are significantly underfunded and falling well short of the goal of intergenerational equity.

The City Council's PSPRS funding ratio goal is 100% (fully funded) by June 30, 2036.

The City Council established this goal for the following reasons:

- The PSPRS trust funds represent only the City of Kingman's liability
- The fluctuating cost of an UAAL causes strain on the City's budget, affecting our ability to provide services
- A fully funded pension is the best way to achieve taxpayer and member intergenerational equity

The City Council has taken the following actions to achieve this goal:

- Maintain the ARC payment from operating revenues – Council is committed to maintaining the full ARC payment (normal cost and UAAL amortization) from operating funds. The estimated combined ARC for FY19 is \$3,125,128 and will be paid from operating funds without diminishing City services.
- Additional payments above the ARC
 - On the first business day of the fiscal year the entire budgeted PSPRS expenditure will be paid up front, which will vary from year to year but will exceed the ARC.
 - Depending on the General Fund's budgeted fund balance, a reserve payment may be paid annually on the first business day of the fiscal year. The City's current General Fund fund balance policy requires the General Fund to maintain a fund balance of 25% - 50% of budgeted expenditures and outgoing transfers, and fund balance in excess of 50% shall be used on one-time expenditures. The City Council will dedicate a one-time payment

towards paying down the City's unfunded pension liability each fiscal year as part of the adopted budget if the General Fund's budgeted fund balance exceeds 40% of its budgeted expenditures and outgoing transfers before taking into consideration a one-time payment to PSPRS.

Based on these actions the City Council plans to achieve its goal of 100% funding by June 30, 2036, in accordance with the amortization timeline set forth by the PSPRS June 30, 2018 Actuarial Valuation.