



REQUEST TO PURCHASE PREVIOUS SERVICE CREDIT

(FORMER EMPLOYEE)

My signature below affirms the following:

- I am aware that the City of Lakewood began participating in the State of Washington Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) effective July 1, 2022.
- I am a former employee of the City of Lakewood, and believe I worked in a position that would be considered PERS-eligible during my employment (to be verified by City of Lakewood).

Position	Dates of Employment with the City of Lakewood

- I understand that former employees who are active members of PERS are eligible to purchase eligible previous service credit. An "active" member is one who **is currently employed by a PERS employer in a PERS-eligible position and is contributing to the PERS retirement system.**
- I am an active member of PERS, and I am currently employed as indicated below (to be verified with DRS):

Current Employer	Current Position	Employment Start Date:

- I am interested in purchasing my eligible previous service credit with the City of Lakewood prior to July 1, 2022. I also understand that Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) regulations require that all eligible previous service credit with the City of Lakewood be purchased or none shall be purchased. The rules about purchasing previous service credit are set forth in [RCW 41.40.057](#).
- I understand that the City will complete and submit to DRS a Verification of Earnings (VOE), which includes hours and earnings for my employment in a PERS-eligible position with the City of Lakewood through June 30, 2022.
- I understand that the City of Lakewood will process my Request to Purchase Previous Service Credit form and will submit the VOE to DRS in a timely manner after receipt by the City. However, consideration for other work requirements cannot guarantee processing by a specific date or within a specific time period.

- I understand that I will receive an invoice from DRS for the amount due to purchase previous service credit with the City of Lakewood based on the VOE information provided. The amount due will include both employer and member/my contribution, to be paid by the member/me. The City of Lakewood has no control over when I receive the invoice from DRS once a VOE is submitted. Should I decide to purchase previous service credit, I will have until June 30, 2027 (or until I retire, whichever comes first) to submit payment directly to DRS to purchase the eligible previous service credit. There is no requirement to submit payment to purchase previous service credit once an invoice is received; however only after payment is received will eligible previous service be credited to the member's account.
- I am requesting that the City of Lakewood submit a VOE to DRS on my behalf, to begin the process for me to purchase eligible previous service credit.

Former Employee Name (please print) _____

Former Employee Signature _____ Date _____

Preferred Contact Information (e-mail or phone) _____