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City of Keene
New Hampshire

**PLANNING, LICENSES AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Council Chambers A
February 24, 2021
7:00 PM**

Kate M. Bosley, Chair
Mitchell H. Greenwald, Vice Chair
Philip M. Jones
Gladys Johnsen
Catherine Workman

1. Terri O'Rorke - NH Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting
2. The Downtown Re-Opening Committee and Keene Young Professionals Network - Keene Food Festival - Request to Use City Property
3. Presentation - Commission to Study the Environmental and Health Effects of Evolving 5G Technology

MORE TIME ITEMS:

- A. Relating to Social Service and Congregate Care Uses and License
Ordinance O-2019-13
Ordinance O-2019-14
- B. City of Keene Land Development Code and Downtown Zoning Update
Ordinance O-2020-10
Ordinance O-2020-11
- C. Terry Clark – Relating to Small Wireless Facility Deployments in Public Rights-of-Way

Non Public Session
Adjournment



City of Keene
Transmittal Form

February 11, 2021

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: Terri O'Rorke

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 1.

SUBJECT: Terri O'Rorke - NH Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting

COUNCIL ACTION:

In City Council February 18, 2021.

Referred to the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication - O'Rorke

Proposed City of Keene Resolution for NH Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting

BACKGROUND:

Terri O'Rorke is looking to put the "NH Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting" up for consideration in Keene. She believes this will send a message to legislative leaders that Keene is wanting our redistricting process to be fair, nonpartisan and transparent.

Feb. 11, 2021

Mr. Mayor and Council members,

You may be aware that when the U.S. Census numbers arrive in a month or so, the state legislature will start to re-map the voting districts for the next 10 years.

I believe in voters choosing their politicians rather than politicians choosing their voters. Gerrymandering is a national problem on both sides of the political spectrum. Electoral districts should be formed in a fair and open process in the best interest of all Granite Staters. Sadly, faith in government has been shaken, and creating a fair and transparent system of redistricting would help restore the public's confidence.

So, to prevent that from happening again, I'm helping to put the "NH Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting" up for consideration in Keene. This sends a message to our legislative leaders that we want our redistricting process to be fair, nonpartisan and transparent.

Thank you,

Terri O'Rourke

Resolution No. _____

Keene, New Hampshire City Council

In the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty one

RESOLUTION:

To adopt a **RESOLUTION FOR NONPARTISAN FAIR REDISTRICTING**

The City of Keene resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census will be completed in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire General Court is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state for state and federal elected positions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Keene is obligated to redistrict the voting wards for elected positions within the City of; and

WHEREAS, the NH General Court conducted the 2010 census redistricting in secret; and

WHEREAS, the public was not able to view the proposed redistricting maps at public hearings in 2010, and additional maps created by the public were ignored; and

WHEREAS, 2010 proposed redistricting maps were created to benefit one political party over another

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Keene urges that :

- 1) Redistricting shall be fair, nonpartisan, and ensure effective representation; and
- 2) Voting maps shall not be gerrymandered to favor a political party or candidate; and
- 3) Communities of interest shall be considered when redistricting; and
- 4) The process of redistricting shall be transparent and open to public input at all stages; and
- 5) The City of Keene shall call upon its elected state legislators, in writing, to uphold these fair redistricting principles when creating state redistricting maps; and
- 6) The City of Keene shall also adhere to these fair redistricting principles when creating city ward redistricting maps.
- 7) This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Adopted in the Keene City Council on this date: