

## CITY OF KEENE

R-2000-28

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and	
A RESOLUTION Relating to Amending the Street and Utility Requirements and Standards	•••

## Resolved by the City Council of the City of Keene, as follows:

In accordance with NHRSA 674:41, the City Council of the City of Keene hereby adopts the following interim policy with respect to the use of Class VI highways within the City of Keene:

**Driveways.** It shall be permissible for the owner of any lot of record, as of May 1, 2000, having the requisite frontage on a Class IV or V highway, and that abuts a Class VI Highway, to use any Class VI Highway abutting that property as a driveway, provided that said driveway does not exceed 750 feet in length measured from the intersection of the Class IV or V Highway, and the Class VI Highway and the driveway meets the City of Keene Driveway Standards.

The Planning Board may issue a driveway permit, as per Section 2708.18 of the City Code, based upon a demonstration that the section of the Class VI highway to be used as a driveway is suitable for emergency vehicles on the date of issuance of the driveway permit and further provided that the property owner executes and delivers to the City a document suitable for recording at the Registry of Deeds which contains the following items.

- 1. Landowner name(s), address, description of the property, and where the owner's deed is recorded at the Registry of Deeds.
- 2. Name of the Highway, fact that the highway is Class VI, with the details of how it attained that status.
- 3. Description of the proposed structure to be constructed, including number of units.
- 4. An acknowledgement by the owner of the property that the City of Keene has no legal duty to maintain the highway, or any intent of doing so, nor any liability for damages resulting from the use of the highway. Further, that the city will provide no winter maintenance, grading or other road repairs, and that, at times, the City may not be able to provide police, fire or other emergency services. That school bus, mail, or other services may be restricted or nonexistent and it is the property owner's responsibility to obtain such services.
- 5. An acknowledgement by the owner of the property that the City does not maintain and does not have any intent of doing so, and that any maintenance, or expense associated with the repair and maintenance of the Class VI highway in a condition to be used as a driveway is the responsibility of the property owner or their successors or assigns. That the portion of the Class VI highway used for a driveway will be in conformance with the City of Keene Driveway Standards.

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- 6. An acknowledgement by the owner of the property that any work performed by the property owner on the Class VI road must have prior approval from the Public Works Director or his/her designee.
- 7. An acknowledgement by the owner of the property that the Class VI highway shall remain a full public highway and that the property owner shall not prohibit or restrict use by the public.
- 8. An acknowledgement by the owner of the property that the City of Keene retains full authority, if it chooses, to regulate the public use of the highway, pursuant to RSA 41:11 and RSA 231:21.

Building Permits on Class VI Highways. Properties which have frontage and access only from a Class VI Highway shall not be eligible for building or driveway permits. Building lots created subsequent to May 1, 2000, which have frontage on both a Class IV or V and a Class VI highway shall be required to access said lot from the Class IV or V frontage.

Michael E. J. Blastos, Mayor

Passed: July 20, 2000

City clerk