



CITY OF KEENE

R-09-01-A

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Nine

A RESOLUTION Council Policy: A Resolution Relating to the Legislative Process

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

WHEREAS: Legislation adopted by the General Court of the State of New Hampshire can impact local government from an administrative, budgetary and service delivery level; and

WHEREAS: The City of Keene's effectiveness in influencing legislative initiatives is dependent upon identifying which issues are important, identifying procedures to communicate accurate and timely information and creating opportunities to share perspectives; and

WHEREAS: The City of Keene considers the New Hampshire Municipal Association as the single, most important resource to learn about legislative initiatives and to represent the City's interests in Concord; and

WHEREAS: The City of Keene's administrative staff and Keene City Council also need to take an active role in the legislative process by identifying significant pieces of legislation that either has a budgetary impact, significantly impacts City operations; enhances service delivery or improves performance levels, conflicts with existing ordinances or validates or contradicts a statement in the Community Goals or Master Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that participation in the New Hampshire Municipal Association's legislative policy committees will be encouraged for City Councilors and City staff; and that those initiatives which are adopted by NHMA will be submitted to the Keene City Council for their endorsement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, with the assistance of the City staff, will identify any other significant pieces of legislation that have not been incorporated into the NHMA legislative policies and will communicate those items of legislation along with their potential impact to the respective Standing Committee of the Keene City Council for their official action ; and


PASSED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor will be encouraged to host periodic meetings of the Keene City Council and the Keene Legislative Delegation to discuss and advance the City's positions on important legislative issues.


Philip Dale Pregent, Mayor

Passed: January 15, 2009

A true copy; attest:


City Clerk