



CITY OF KEENE

R-2012-19

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand andTwelve.....

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO COUNCIL POLICY: FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS.....

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

WHEREAS: Community events are important because they help to financially enhance, showcase and build upon the community's investment in itself, provide social, cultural and recreational opportunities; provide economic stimulus for both area non-profit and for-profit organizations and businesses; promote the quality-of-life and economic vitality of the community and that such fairs, events and promotions are consistent with Keene's Comprehensive Master Plan and

WHEREAS: RSA 31:100 provides that the governing body of a City may grant a license to an applicant to use and occupy a portion of any street or sidewalk as may be designated for the purpose of conducting thereon street fairs or other community events, including but not limited to the sale of merchandise by commercial retailers or by community associations conducting street fairs or other promotions. Such licenses may include the right to encumber the designated area with boxes, shelves, stands or other devices useful in conducting such sales and shall be issued for not more than 3 consecutive business days; and

WHEREAS: The City may also authorize a community event to occur on other public property not consisting of a public street or sidewalk; and

WHEREAS: The City of Keene owns significant real property in the Towns of Roxbury and Swanzey, which also may be suitable sites for community events; and

WHEREAS: The City Council may at its sole discretion budget from year to year funds to support those community events which it determines to be appropriate for financial participation by the City, and based upon the standards contained in this policy; and

WHEREAS: Licenses may also be subject to such other terms and conditions, to be expressed in the license, as the public convenience and safety may require; and

WHEREAS: A community event is defined by the City of Keene as an event that takes place on public property, and which may require street closures or traffic coordination, and which has a expected attendance of at least 500 participants or observers; and

WHEREAS: A community event may accept donations and may charge attendees for general admission; and for participation at special venues within the event or for parking in private parking areas; and

ED May 17, 2012

A true copy; attest:


City Clerk

WHEREAS: the event applicant must be registered with the State of New Hampshire as a not-for-profit organization; and

WHEREAS: The event shall have been previously produced at least twice prior to the request for community event status; and

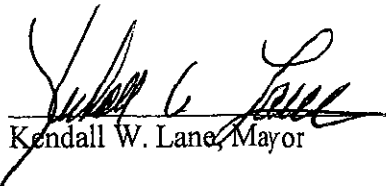
WHEREAS: the applicant requesting community event status shall annually provide the City with documentation showing its efforts to raise monies through the private sector, its actual costs for producing the event and any fund balance prior to its request to the City for funding; and

WHEREAS: The sponsor of a community event must show proof of its ability to pay all reasonable and customary expenses associated with the planned event or provide the City with sufficient surety of payment which in the City Council's sole discretion it may require in the event that the sponsor fails to raise said funds. In the event that the sponsor is not able to repay the City, the City Manager shall be authorized to negotiate a settlement of the amount due and for consideration by the City Council; and

WHEREAS: The community event budget is intended to fund personnel, equipment and material costs that would otherwise not be incurred by the respective City department involved in any particular event. It is intended to fund equipment used and overtime incurred during pre-event set-up, activities during the event and any after hour cleanup. The community events budget is not intended to fund those costs associated with administrative planning or personnel cost of work performed during a regular working week, day or shift.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The total annual appropriation for all community events shall be at the discretion of the Keene City Council.


Kendall W. Lane, Mayor