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Cities for Climate Protection Committee

That the Ordinances of the City of Keene, as amended, are hereby further amended by deleting Section 2-594, "Established", of Division 1. "Generally", of Article V, "Boards and Commissions", of Chapter 2 entitled "ADMINISTRATION" and inserting a new Sec. 2-594 to read as follows;

Sec. 2-594. Established.

There shall be the following boards, commissions, authorities, councils, and trustees (known collectively as boards) in the city:

- (a) Airport Advisory Commission.
- (b) Ashuelot River Park Advisory Board.
- (c) Assessor's Board.
- (d) Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee.
- (e) Board of Appeal.
- (f) Cities for Climate Protection Committee
- (g) Conservation Commission.
- (h) Development Commission.
- (i) Downtown Parking and Maintenance Commission.
- (j) Heritage Commission
- (k) Historic District Commission
- (l) Housing Authority.
- (m) Juvenile Conference Committee.
- (n) Library Board of Trustees.
- (o) Martin Luther King/Jonathan Daniels Committee.
- (p) Planning Board.
- (q) Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Trustees.
- (r) Zoning Board of Adjustment.

and to insert a new Division 19 to be entitled "Cities for Climate Protection Committee" to Article V, Boards and Commissions of Chapter 2 entitled "ADMINISTRATION" to read as follows:

Division 19. Cities for Climate Protection Committee

Sec. 2-1088. Purpose.

The purpose of the Cities for Climate Protection Committee is to aid in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in order to protect the viability of the community and to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

Sec. 2-1089. Membership.

The Cities for Climate Protection Committee shall consist of 9 regular members and up to 2 alternates, all of whom represent a cross section of organizations, institutions, businesses and interests in the city. One member of the committee shall be a City Councilor.

Sec. 2-1090. Terms.

Members shall be appointed for three-year terms. However the initial appointment shall be staggered so that three members shall be appointed for one year, three members for two years, and three members for three years. In the event of a vacancy, interim appointments may be made to complete the unexpired term.

Sec. 2-1091. Relation to department.

The planning department will provide staff support to the Cities for Climate Protection Committee. Other departments may be called upon as necessary.

Sec. 2-1092. Functions and guidelines.

The functions and guidelines in this section are established for the conduct of the Cities for Climate Protection Committee. The committee shall:

- (1) Coordinate the goals and measures of the Local Action Climate Plan in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- (2) Update the Local Action Plan and Greenhouse Gas Inventory as deemed necessary;
- (3) Promote the awards and recognitions the City of Keene and community members have received for outstanding work in the climate protection arena;
- (4) Serve as an advocate for the City's interest at the state level in climate change policy;
- (5) Assist the city with publicity for the Local Action Plan by bringing the benefits of the Plan to the attention of the public through brochures, presentations, and other methods;
- (6) Assist with preparation of grant applications and pursue other funding mechanisms to implement the goals and measures of the Local Action Plan;

- (7) Receive gifts and donations in the name of the City with prior approval of the City Council; and
- (8) Perform such other related functions as required by the city council or as requested by the city manager.

And by replacing the organizational chart contained within Section 2-111, "Functions and Powers" of Chapter 2, "Administration" of Article III, "Charter Officers" of Division 2, "City Manager" with the attached organizational chart.

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