

**TOWN OF KEYSTONE
Summit County, Colorado**

RESOLUTION 2024-68

**A RESOLUTION OF TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KEYSTONE, COLORADO
APPROVING AMENDED TOWN COUNCIL BYLAWS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Keystone (“Town”) is a home rule municipality governed by the Keystone Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Keystone is authorized to adopted procedures to govern the conduct of meetings and the conduct of public business; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2024, the Town Council approved Town Council Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, Town Council desires to amend the bylaws to address excused and unexcused absences; and

WHEREAS, Town Council desires to approve amended Town Council Bylaws.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Keystone, Colorado, that:

Section 1. The Town Council of the Town of Keystone hereby adopted the Town Council Bylaws dated April 9, 2024, to govern the conduct of meetings and the conduct of public business. Town Council approves amended Town Council bylaws dated October 22, 2024.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval by the Town Council.

ADOPTED by a vote of 5 in favor and 1 against, this 12th day of November 2024.

Signed by:
By: Kenneth D. Riley
Kenneth D. Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form:

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By: Madeleine Sielw
Town Clerk

Signed by:
By: Jennifer Madsen
Town Attorney

TOWN OF KEYSTONE, COLORADO

TOWN COUNCIL BYLAWS

DATE OF POLICY/REVISIONS:	Original Enactment: April 9, 2024, Resolution No. 2024-32; amended on November 12, 2024, Resolution No. 2024-68
SCHEDULED REVIEW AND REVISION:	As deemed necessary or desired by the Town Council or upon recommendation of the Town Manager or Town Attorney.
ATTACHMENT(S):	None
AUTHORITY/REFERENCE(S):	Keystone Charter, Section 3.8. Titles 29 and 31, C.R.S., and the Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. §§ 24-6-401 <i>et seq.</i>, as interpreted by the Colorado appellate courts.

TOWN COUNCIL BYLAWS

These Bylaws are intended to direct and assist the Town Council for the Town of Keystone, Colorado, in the conduct of meetings and the conduct of public business. These Bylaws and Procedures shall be interpreted consistently with the Keystone Home Rule Charter (“Charter”) and, in the event of a conflict between these Bylaws and Procedures and the Charter, the Charter shall govern and control.

References to “Councilmember,” “Councilmembers,” or “Town Council” shall include the Mayor unless the context provides otherwise.

I. **Legislative Body & Officers.**

1.1 Town Council

The Town Council is the legislative and governing body of the Town.

1.2 Mayor – Presiding Officer

The Mayor shall be the Presiding Officer at all meetings of the Town Council. The Mayor is a member of the Town Council. The role of Presiding Officer may be assigned to another member of the Town Council in accordance with the Rules of Order.

1.3 Mayor Pro Tem

The Town Council shall elect one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in accordance with the Keystone Home Rule Charter. The process for nomination and election of the Mayor Pro Tem shall be determined by the Town Council which process may be established by Resolution.

1.4 Temporary Chair

- a. In the event of the absence, conflict of interest, or disability of both the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem that would prevent them from attending any meeting of the Town Council, the Town Clerk shall call such meeting to order and shall call the roll. The Town Council shall then proceed to elect, by a majority vote of those present, a Councilmember to serve as the Temporary Chairperson for the meeting.
- b. The Temporary Chairperson shall serve as Presiding Officer until the arrival or the resolution of the conflict of interest of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem at which time the Temporary Chair shall relinquish the chair upon conclusion of the agenda item or other business then before the Town Council.

II. **Town Council Meetings.**

2.1 Regular Meetings

- a. The Town Council shall meet regularly at least once each month at a day and hour and place to be fixed by the Rules of Order of each Town Council adopted by Resolution. The intent is that the Town Council will conduct in person meetings, unless circumstances necessitate another form of meeting. The procedures for in person meetings and the circumstances necessitating another form of meeting shall be defined by the Rules of Order of the Town Council. (Charter § 3.1)
- b. For ease of administration, an approved schedule of meeting dates, times, and places for regular meetings may be administratively considered and approved for each calendar year by the Town Council. The Town Council reserves the authority to modify or adjust any previously approved meeting schedule or to change meeting days or times as may be needed for convenience or to accommodate holidays, anticipated lack of quorum, and other events or circumstances.
- c. When a regular meeting must be cancelled due to unforeseen or unanticipated circumstances, such as but not limited to emergency, adverse weather conditions, absence of quorum, or failure to post any required public notice, the Mayor, or the Mayor Pro Tem in the Mayor's absence, is authorized to instruct staff to cancel the regular meeting and the Mayor may reschedule the meeting to another date and time. The Town Clerk shall prepare a notice of the meeting cancellation and the rescheduled meeting and shall cause the notice to be delivered through reasonable and customary means, including by posting notice on public entry doors of the Keystone Center and posting on the Town's Website.

2.2 Special Meetings

- a. Special meetings of the Town Council shall be called by the Town Clerk on the oral request of two (2) or more members of Town Council with at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice to each member of the Town Council and to the public, delivered in accordance with the Rules of Order of the Town Council and the requirements of this Charter and the Colorado Open Meetings Law. (Charter § 3.2)
- b. No business shall be conducted at a special meeting of the Town Council unless the business has been stated in the notice of such meeting; except that any business which may lawfully come before a regular meeting of the Town Council may be transacted at a special meeting if all members of the Town Council present consent thereto and all the Councilmembers absent file their written consent.
- c. Executive sessions may be held during any properly convened special meeting.

2.3 Emergency Meetings

- a. Emergency meetings of the Town Council shall be called by the Town Clerk on the oral request of two (2) or more members of Town Council with less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice. An emergency meeting may be called in the event of an immediate danger or threat to the public health, welfare, peace, safety or property for the purpose of preservation or protection of the public health, welfare, peace, safety or property. Unless it is impractical, all members of the Town Council shall be notified of such meeting and such meeting may be held if a Quorum consents. Maximum practical notice, including posted notice, shall be given to the public stating the purpose, time, place and manner of any such meeting. (Charter § 3.3)
- b. Any business which may lawfully come before a regular meeting of the Town Council may be transacted at an emergency meeting.
- c. Due to the emergency nature of the meeting, no Quorum of the Town Council is required although a Quorum is strongly desired wherever practicable. Where a Quorum does not attend the emergency meeting, the action of the Town Council at the emergency meeting will need to be ratified by the Town Council at the next meeting at which a Quorum is in attendance.

2.4 Study or Work Sessions

- a. The Town Council may hold study or work sessions as deemed necessary or desirable. Study or work sessions shall be called in the same manner as a Special Meeting or called by the Town Manager in consultation with the Town Clerk.
- b. No legally binding or formal action shall be taken at any such session. The Council may provide general administrative direction to the Town Manager by simple concurrence or consensus of the members of the Town Council.
- c. A study or work session shall *customarily* be limited to the presentation of information to the Town Council and to Town Council's discussion of such information. Public comment upon matters under study or discussion shall not be typically entertained except upon concurrence of the Council members in attendance. No Quorum shall be required at any study or work session.
- d. Executive sessions shall not be conducted during a study or work session.

2.5 Quorum

Where a quorum is required by these Bylaws, a majority of the members of the Town Council in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all Town Council meetings. In the absence of members for a quorum for a regular meeting, a

meeting may be rescheduled to a later date and time as permitted by Town Council's adopted Rules of Order.

2.6 Meetings to be Public

All meetings of the Town Council shall be open to the public except as permitted by law. At Town Council meetings, members of the public shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard except for those meetings that are designated as study or work sessions. In compliance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, the Town Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting. The intent is that, when feasible, Town Council will allow for a remote meeting option for the public's attendance and participation at open meetings. (Charter § 3.5) The Town Council may adopt a remote meeting policy to further define the public's attendance and participation through the remote meeting option.

2.7 Meeting Notice

The Town Council shall adopt a Resolution that establishes public notice and posting requirements in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law including designating the Town official site for posting the agenda at least 24 hours in advance of the public meeting (except for emergency meetings as governed by Charter § 3.3) and such designation shall be deemed automatically readopted at the Town Council's first regular meeting of each calendar year unless otherwise determined by the Town Council. (Charter § 3.10)

2.8 Town Council Attendance and Absences

- a. All Town Councilmembers are expected to attend all regular, special, work and study session meetings unless excused from attendance in accordance with this section. Councilmembers are expected to attend Town Council meetings in person unless a different form of attendance is authorized or in person attendance is excused. (Charter § 3.9)
- b. Three (3) or more unexcused absences by a member of the Town Council in any one (1) calendar year shall constitute grounds for sanctions or removal.
- c. If a Councilmember is absent for both a work or study session on the same date, that absence is only counted as one and not two absences.
- d. Members of the Town Council who are absent from a meeting are encouraged to participate electronically, in accordance with the electronic participation policy. However, members participating electronically are not allowed to engage in or vote on quasi-judicial matters. The Mayor shall strive to ensure that no more than three members of the Town Council participate electronically at any given time.

e. Excused Absences.

1. The Presiding Officer shall excuse an absence of the Mayor or any Councilmember from all or any portion of a meeting where:
 - (i) The Mayor or Councilmember contacted the Mayor, Town Manager, or Town Clerk *in advance* of the meeting regarding the reason for the absence; *and*
 - (ii) The reason for the absence is due to circumstances that were unforeseeable or unavoidable, such as but not limited to illness, family emergency, or work emergency. An excuse shall not be granted where the Mayor or Councilmember's absence is due to the person's desire to attend other meetings or functions unless the person's attendance at the meeting or function was: (i) requested or directed by the Town Council; or (ii) undertaken in the Councilmember's appointed role as Town Council representative to a board, commission, or body.
2. The Presiding Officer may excuse an absence of any Councilmember from a meeting or a portion of a meeting *subsequent to* the meeting where:
 - (i) The Councilmember's requested excuse was due to circumstances that were unforeseeable or unavoidable, such as but not limited to, accident, emergency, illness, or last-minute familial obligations; and
 - (ii) The circumstances surrounding the excuse did not permit the Councilmember to timely contact the Mayor, Town Manager, or Town Clerk prior to the meeting as provided by paragraph (B) above.
3. The Presiding Officer shall excuse up to two (2) absences of the Mayor or any Councilmember from all or any portion of a meeting for any reason. If advance notice is provided, an excused absence may be ratified by Town Council on the consent agenda.
4. The Presiding Officer shall excuse an absence of the Mayor or Councilmember from a special meeting if the absence is due to a commitment or conflict scheduled prior to the scheduling of the date of the special meeting and which absence the Mayor or Councilmember was unable to reschedule.
5. The Presiding Officer's decision regarding the recognition or denial of any absence shall be subject to appeal as provided by the Rules of Order.

2.9 Town Attorney

Unless otherwise excused by the Town Council, the Town Attorney or the Town Attorney's designated representative is expected to attend all regular, special, or emergency meetings of the Town Council and attend such other meetings and sessions of the Town Council as the Town Council may request. The Town Attorney may attend meetings by a remote meeting option.

2.10 Town Clerk, Written Minutes, and Official Record

- a. The Town Clerk, or the Town Clerk's designated representative, shall attend and shall keep written minutes of each regular or special meeting of the Town Council. Written meeting minutes may be a brief and concise summary or synopsis of actions taken by the Town Council, the titles of ordinances and resolutions considered, votes taken, and other action items and general topics of discussion. Meeting minutes need not record what was said during the meeting.
- b. The minutes shall record how each Councilmember voted on each question, except that where the vote was unanimous it shall only be necessary for the minutes to so state.
- c. The official record of a Town Council meeting shall be the Town's electronic recording of the meeting, if any, and in the absence of an electronic recording or in the event of recording equipment malfunction, the official record shall be the written meeting minutes.
- d. A Councilmember shall have the privilege of having his or her statement on any subject then under consideration by the Town Council entered into the written minutes. Such request must be made before the Presiding Officer puts the question to a vote and must be accompanied by the statement, "For the Record," to alert the Town Clerk of the need to include such remarks in the written minutes. A Councilmember's lengthy statement for the record is strongly encouraged to be submitted to the Town Clerk in writing prior to the meeting. At the Town Clerk's discretion, unwritten lengthy oral statements may be summarized in the written minutes with attribution to the speaker.
- e. Minutes of a previous meeting will not be read provided each member of Town Council has been provided access to a copy of the minutes in advance of the meeting at which the minutes are to be approved. Written minutes shall be initially set for approval on a consent agenda. Any Councilmember may request that the minutes be removed from the consent agenda for full discussion and consideration of proposed amendments or revisions by the Town Council prior to any motion for approval. Every Councilmember may, at the member's option, vote to approve or reject the minutes of any meeting notwithstanding such member's absence from the meeting.

- f. At any time prior to the Town Clerk's certification of the minutes as approved by the Town Council, the Town Clerk may change the minutes to correct spelling or typographical errors, provided that such change does not alter the substance or meaning of the minutes.
- g. The Clerk of the meeting at which the minutes are approved shall sign the approved minutes.

2.11 Agenda and Order of Business

- a. A regular meeting of the Town Council will have an established order of business generally along the following guidelines which may be modified by the Presiding Officer in accordance with the Rules of Order:
 - 1. Call to Order, Roll Call
 - 2. Approval of Agenda
 - 3. Recognitions, proclamations, and appointments
 - 4. Communications to Council
 - 5. Consent agenda (handling of routine business)
 - A. First Reading of Ordinances
 - B. Resolutions
 - C. Approval of Town Council Minutes
 - D. Excused Absences
 - 6. Discussion Business
 - A. Consideration of Ordinances (second reading/public hearing)
 - B. Resolutions
 - C. Other
 - 7. Planning Matters
 - 8. Reports
 - 9. Other Matters
 - 10. Adjournment

2.12 Setting Agendas

The Mayor and the Town Manager have the task of setting the meeting agendas for regular and special meetings and for work sessions of the Town Council. In addition, two members of the Town Council may request that the Town Manager place an item on a meeting agenda.

2.13 Requesting Future Agenda Items

Any Councilmember, the Town Manager, or the Town Attorney may request that the Town Council formally consider any Town business or other matter of public interest at a future meeting by raising the request with the Town Council during any **regular** meeting. Upon confirmation by a consensus of the Town Council that the Town Council desires to entertain consideration or review of the proposed business or matter, the Presiding Officer

shall instruct the Town staff to set the matter on the next available agenda or on the agenda of a specific meeting.

2.14 Adjournment of Regular Meetings by 9:00 p.m.

A Town Council regular meeting shall customarily adjourn at or before 9:00 p.m. Extending a regular meeting beyond 9:00 p.m. shall require approval of a motion to suspend the required adjournment requirement. A motion may propose to limit the agenda matters to be considered after 9:00 p.m. and/or set a later time for adjournment.

As an express condition of adjournment, the Town Council shall formally move to continue or postpone all agenda items that will not be considered following adjournment in accordance with the Rules of Order.

III. Meeting Procedures.

3.1 Parliamentary Rules/Rules of Order

- a. Bob's Rules of Order for Colorado Local Governments (Peak Nine Press 2023) shall be the parliamentary rules of order for meetings of the Town Council ("Rules of Order").
- b. The following additional rules shall be incorporated into the Rules of Order:
 1. A Councilmember shall not engage in the review or transmission of electronic mail or other forms of digital communications or be connected to the Internet during any quasi-judicial matter.
 2. Addressing the Town Council – Time Limitations.
 - (i) Councilmember's access to the floor when addressing the Town Council shall be limited in time as provided by the Rules of Order;
 - (ii) Guests, presenters, and speakers invited to present to the Town Council shall be limited in time as established or directed by the Presiding Officer; and
 - (iii) For all other persons wishing to address the Town Council (other than public hearings, see V. below), such persons shall be limited to three (3) minutes for any presentation unless the Presiding Officer establishes a different time limitation applicable to all such persons wishing to address the Town Council.
- c. Voting Methods.
 1. A simultaneous voice vote or show of hands shall generally be used provided that an announcement is made regarding the result of the

vote, including identification of Councilmember(s) voting on the non-prevailing side.

2. The Presiding Officer may direct a vote to be made by roll call. A roll call vote by voice shall be *required* for:
 - (i) All ordinances on final reading;
 - (ii) Any resolution appropriating or borrowing money;
 - (iii) Any resolution pertaining to new or existing taxes;
 - (iv) Any action concerning an initiative or referendum petition; and
 - (v) Conveyance of interests in real property.
3. Manner of Roll Call. When roll call voting is used, the roll call vote shall be taken in alphabetical order in a rotating manner, as follows: on the first roll call vote for the meeting, the Town Clerk will begin with the first Councilmember's name on the list; on the second vote, the Town Clerk will begin with the second Councilmember's name on the list and end with the first Councilmember name on the list, and continue to rotate the order in this manner. Such rotation will continue without interruption from meeting to meeting.

3.2 Meeting Decorum

- a. For regular and special meetings, each Councilmember shall be addressed as Mr./Ms. (last name) or Councilmember (last name); the Mayor shall be addressed as Mr./Ms. Mayor or Mayor (last name); Town staff, citizens, consultants, contractors shall be addressed as Mr./Ms. (last name). A less formal recognition of Councilmembers and others shall be acceptable for study or work sessions and executive sessions.
- b. At any regular or special meeting of the Town Council, any member of the public desiring to address the Town Council shall first secure the permission of, and be recognized by, the Presiding Officer.
- c. Each person addressing the Town Council shall be asked to provide his or her name and address for the record. All comments shall be addressed to the Presiding Officer and to the Town Council as a body and not to any particular Councilmember thereof or to other members of the audience.
- d. Actions which unreasonably disrupt a meeting shall be out of order. "Disrupt" shall mean evidently intended or designed to prevent, or reasonably preventing, the Town Council from conducting business. Disruptive actions may include, but not limited to: (i) constant or consistent shouting following the Presiding Officer's request to speak in a conversational voice; (ii) the use of horns, bells, or other sources of unwanted and unnecessary sound or noise; (iii) repeated speaking or interruption of the meeting without first obtaining the floor or without being acknowledged by the Presiding Officer; or (iv) threats of harm or violence.

Refusal to heed requests to cease disruption may subject the person to removal from the meeting.

- e. The use of amplified sound or noise in any meeting shall not be permitted unless approved by the Presiding Officer as a necessary part of a presentation by a speaker. The Town's use of methods to amplify the voices of the Councilmembers shall be permitted.
- f. To prevent obstructing the view and hearing of persons attending a meeting, posters, banners, signs, or other forms to display shall be permitted in meeting rooms provided that such items or materials are placed against and along the side perimeter walls of the room in a manner not to interfere with access or the safety of attendees. No posters, banners, signs, or other forms to display shall be located behind the Town Council dais. The Presiding Officer may designate the appropriate location(s) for posters, banners, signs, or other forms to display.

IV. Procedure for Passage of Ordinances (Charter § 6.5)

The procedure for the passage of an Ordinance, other than an Emergency Ordinance, shall be as follows:

- a. Introduction (first reading) of the Ordinance at any regular or special meeting and vote by the Town Council in accordance with the voting requirements established by the Charter to move the proposed legislation forward to the second reading. Introduction and first reading of the Ordinance may be by placement on the Town Council's consent agenda for such meeting.
- b. If the Ordinance is passed upon first reading, publicizing by title only and in accordance with the requirements, methods, and procedures for publicizing Ordinances as adopted by the Town Council by Ordinance.
- c. Consideration of the Ordinance on second reading at a meeting not earlier than six (6) days after the first reading.
- d. Public hearing on the Ordinance (See V. Below).
- e. Roll call vote of the Town Council on the Ordinance following the public hearing.
- f. Any ordinance may be amended before final passage by a roll call of the Town Council.
- g. After final passage, the Town Clerk shall publicize the Ordinance by title only with the statement that the full text is available for public inspection and acquisition in the office of the Town Clerk. Whenever possible, publicizing shall be within ten (10) days after final passage.

- h. Unless a later date is specified in the text of the Ordinance, an Ordinance other than an Emergency Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced thirty (30) days after final publication.

V. Public Hearings – Procedures.

Public hearings required by law shall be conducted in general accordance with the following procedures. Deviations from these procedures that do not substantially affect the fairness and outcome of the hearing shall be permitted with or without approval of the Town Council.

- a. Town Clerk shall read the title or subject matter of the item into the record.
- b. The Presiding Officer, in the order indicated, will:
 - 1. Declare the public hearing open;
 - 2. Announce the public hearing procedures (if such procedures were not previously explained to the audience in a prior hearing during the same meeting);
 - 3. Establish, when determined to be necessary, reasonable time limits for the presentation to the Town Council of public comments and testimony during the hearing. Where no other time limits are established:
 - (i) Town staff or Town consultants shall not be limited except as directed by the Presiding Officer;
 - (ii) An applicant, permittee, or petitioner (or their representative) whose property or other legal rights are the subject of determination during the public hearing shall not be subject to time limitations provided that the applicant, permittee, or petitioner avoids redundant and duplicative testimony or presentation of evidence;
 - (iii) Scheduled speakers invited to present information to the Town Council shall not be subject to time limitations except as directed by the Presiding Officer; and
 - (iv) All other persons shall be limited to three (3) minutes;
 - 4. Ask for an introductory presentation by the Town Administration, if appropriate;
 - 5. Ask for the applicant's, permittee's, or petitioner's presentation, if appropriate;
 - 6. Provide opportunity for public presentation by those who are in favor of the matter, opposed to the matter, or who may have general questions regarding the pending matter.

7. Any person speaking or presenting any information at the hearing may be questioned by the Town Council and, with the consent of the Presiding Officer, by the Town Administration.
 8. The Presiding Officer will ask, at times during the hearing determined by the Presiding Officer, if any member of Town Council has any questions of, or desires any additional information from, anyone who has spoken or has presented information during the hearing. If such is the case, a member of Town Council may direct the question and/or request through the Presiding Officer to such individual and the response will be limited to the answer of the question, as stated.
- c. Cross-examination of persons providing testimony or evidence shall not be permitted.
 - d. The Presiding Officer may, on his/her own initiative or at the request of a Councilmember or the applicant, permittee, or petitioner, afford the applicant, permittee, or petitioner an opportunity to rebut or address statements or testimony presented by the general public or Town Administration. Rebuttal shall be limited only to subjects and matters raised during the hearing and is not intended to provide an opportunity for the applicant, permittee, or petitioner to present new evidence or information not offered during the main presentation. The Presiding Officer may, in the Officer's discretion, provide an opportunity for the general public to address issues, information, or matters newly raised during a rebuttal.
 - e. Following questions from Town Council, the Presiding Officer will declare the public hearing closed and the matter will be remanded to the Town Council for consideration.
 - f. Upon the closure of the public hearing, the Town Council will seek to avoid additional questioning of any hearing participant except as may be found necessary by the Presiding Officer to quickly clarify a factual question or resolve a factual matter of dispute between members of the Town Council. No additional unsolicited testimony shall be entertained or accepted by the Town Council. The public hearing may only be reopened for good cause shown by a majority vote of the quorum present and only for the sole purpose of receiving specifically identified and focused testimony. In the event a public hearing is reopened, all persons in attendance shall be provided an opportunity to provide testimony regarding the specifically identified matter for which the hearing was reopened.
 - g. The Town Council may, with leave of the Presiding Officer, request legal advice or direction from the Town Attorney at any time.

VI. Amendments.

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of Councilmembers present at a Town Council meeting at which a quorum exists. Any proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to each member of Town Council at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Town Council meeting at which such amendments are to be considered.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL, 2024; AMENDED ON THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER.