## CITY OF KEENE, TEXAS

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-681**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEENE, TEXAS, CHANGING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS TO THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Keene (the "City") is a home rule municipality located in Johnson County, Texas created in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Local Government Code and the Texas Constitution, and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interests of the City of Keene and will promote the convenience and efficiency of meetings for council members and citizens to require one regular council meeting per month and to change the frequency from twice a month to one regular meeting every month.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEENE, TEXAS:

- **SECTION 1. Findings.** The City Council finds that the facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact.
- **SECTION 2.** The regular monthly meetings of the City Council of the City of Keene shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at Keene City Hall-Robert G. Cooper Council Chamber, 1000 N. Old Betsy Road, Cleburne, Texas 76031.
- **SECTION 3.** This Ordinance replaces all previously executed Ordinances and Resolutions setting the day and time of the regular monthly meetings of the City Council and shall become effective and be in full force from and after the date of passage and publication.
- **SECTION 4.** Severability. The invalidity of any part of this Ordinance shall not invalidate any other part hereof. The terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.
- **SECTION 5. Public Notices and Open Meeting.** It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.
- **SECTION 6. Penalty.** Any Person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, fined in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (500.00).

**SECTION 7. Savings Clause.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed, the balance of such ordinance is hereby saved from repeal.

**SECTION 8.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

Passed and Approved this the <u>15</u> day of April 2025.

Lisa Parrish, Mayor

ATTEST:

Holly Russell, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Andy Messer, City Attorney