

## **Prefatory Synopsis**

The Home Rule Charter Commission for the Town of Keystone, Colorado hereby submits to the voters a proposed Home Rule Charter which has been framed in accordance with Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and the Municipal Home Rule act of 1971. This document is designed to embody the principles of self-governance, transparency, responsiveness to community needs, efficiency, flexibility, growth promotion and a cherished family orientation.

### **Preamble**

The primary objectives of the Town of Keystone Home Rule Charter are:

- To create a lasting, non-restrictive charter allowing the Town of Keystone government the most autonomy and power of self government allowable by the Colorado Constitution.
- To allow for a robust system of local governance, driven by elected representatives and community input, to ensure decisions are made collectively and reflect the perspectives and aspirations of our entire community.
- Provide a framework that allows for open communication channels, ensuring all community members have a process for their voice to be heard, access to comprehensive information about municipal affairs, policies and decisions that is attentive to the specific needs of this unique mountain community.

To accomplish these goals this commission provides for a Council-Manager form of government. Town Council is to be made up of 6 elected members and the elected Mayor. The Council and Mayor are residents of the town and are elected by the town residents. A Town Manager will be appointed and will serve at the pleasure of the Town Council. Policy-making and legislative powers are vested with the Town Council. Council Members and the Mayor will be elected for 4 year overlapping terms. The Town Manager will be the chief executive and administrative officer of the Town.

In order to embrace community responsiveness, provisions are established for the recall of elected officers, for control of legislation by the people through initiative and referendum and for the amendment of this charter by popular vote of the citizens of the Town of Keystone. To ensure every member of the Keystone Community's voice is considered in all decisions, service to the town by all community members is encouraged by participation on various commissions and boards and by providing input to the town's elected officials.