

City of Salem

FIRST PASSAGE

In the year two thousand and Thirteen

An Ordinance *to amend an Ordinance relative to Boards, Commissions, Committees and Authorities by establishing a Public Art Commission*

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 is hereby amended by adding a new division within Article IV Boards, Commissions, Committees and Authorities as follows:

“Division 16. Public Art Commission

Sec. 2-1020. Established

In recognition of the value that public art can bring to the cultural, aesthetic and economic vitality of the community, there is hereby established a Public Art Commission to be responsible for the implementation of the public art initiative through the commissioning and acquisition of permanent and temporary public art, acting as a steward of the City’s public art collection, and engaging the public in the collection.

Sec. 2-1021. Definitions

Visual Artist - A visual artist is an artist who creates works that are primarily visual in nature, such as ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, design, crafts, fiber arts and textiles, photography, video, and filmmaking.

Sec. 2-1022. Membership and Terms; Meetings

The Public Art Commission shall be comprised of seven members, all residents of the City of Salem, and shall include one representative from the City’s Design Review Board, no less than two visual artists, and no less than two members (or three members should a member of the Design Review Board be unavailable) with a background in art, architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, art or architectural history, or design. The remaining members shall be from the general public. All members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. The initial appointments made pursuant to this division shall expire on January 31, 2016. Subsequent appointments or re-appointments, subject to Section 2-626, shall be made for terms of two years from February 1 to January 31. If a vacancy shall occur among the members of the Commission, it shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired term.

The Public Art Commission shall meet no less than quarterly and as often as may be required.

Sec. 2-1023. Powers and Duties

The Public Art Commission shall:

- a) Approve an annual public art plan, developed by the Planning Department and the Commission, outlining public art activities.
- b) Establish goals and criteria to be used when reviewing proposed public art projects to be recommended to the Mayor and, if applicable, the Redevelopment Authority, for approval.
- c) Solicit proposals for public art commissions and review artist proposals.
- d) Approve public art commissions or acquisitions, subject to the approval of the Mayor and, if applicable, the Redevelopment Authority.
- e) Review proposed private gifts and loans of artworks, conduct aesthetic review and recommend to the Mayor and Redevelopment Authority whether the City should accept the donation or loan of artwork.
- f) Review and approve artist concept proposals or proposed artwork for private development projects where the developer is to provide public art as part of an agreement with the City.
- g) Review and approve the de-accession or relocation of artwork subject to approval of the Mayor and City Council.
- h) Serve as an advocate for public art in Salem.

Secs. 2-1024—2-1035. Reserved.”

Section II. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

In City Council October 24, 2013

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with Committee of the Whole

In City Council March 27, 2014

Adopted as amended for first passage

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