

ARTICLE 2-9: PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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§ 2-9-1 CREATION.

The Public Art Commission (hereinafter the “Art Commission” of the City of Apache Junction is hereby created.

(Ord. 1478, passed 9-17-2019)

§ 2-9-2 MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

(A) The Art Commission shall consist of 7 members who shall be appointed and approved by the Mayor and City Council.

(B) (1) Membership shall be comprised as follows:

- (a) Two members: practicing artists (either resident or not) from the visual, public, and performing arts discipline);
- (b) Two members: a person (either resident or not) with an interest in visual, performing arts, architecture or urban design;
- (c) One member: practicing professional (either resident or not) from the field of design, or architecture. Should an eligible applicant not apply, an additional practicing artist shall fill this seat;
- (d) One member: a person (either resident or not) with an interest in the history of Apache Junction, the State of Arizona, and/or the surrounding area; and
- (e) One member: a regional business representative from an organization that supports the arts and culture.

(2) The Commission shall have, at a minimum, 4 Apache Junction city residents represented. In the event a practicing profession or a person with an interest in history does not apply for the Commission, an additional practicing artist shall be considered.

(C) The appointments shall be staggered so that the terms of no more than 3 members will expire in any given year. The initial appointments for 3 members shall be terms beginning on November 1, 2019, and expiring on October 31, 2022 and for 4 members with terms beginning on November 1, 2019 and expiring on October 31, 2023.

(D) Upon expiration of the initial terms of office, all new appointments shall be made by the Council for full 3-year terms and all such terms shall expire on October 31 of succeeding years, except that in the event of the Board membership complement falling below the required quorum level set forth in § 2-9-5, the membership vacancies shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired terms any time before the annual October appointment cycle using the then-existing talent bank applications. The term of all members shall extend until their successors are qualified.

(E) Art Commission members shall receive no salaries or other remuneration for their services in such capacity, and they shall not be entitled to personal expenses incurred by them in the discharge of their official duties, except to the extent that such expenses are authorized and approved in advance by the City Manager or his or her designee.

(Ord. 1478, passed 9-17-2019; Am. Ord. 1520, passed 12-7-2021)

§ 2-9-3 DUTIES.

It shall be the duty of the Art Commission to:

- (A) Promote and encourage diverse citizen participation in public art;
- (B) Assist corporations, commercial developments, and other private and governmental entities to incorporate public art;
- (C) Recommend the operating and capital improvement program budgets for the public art program;
- (D) Conduct the request for qualifications process for all public art installations;
- (E) Review gifts of art offered to the city for artistic and cultural purposes;

(F) Provide information, recommendations and advise City Council and staff on public art policies and initiatives relating to the city's mission and vision statements for all art;

(G) Serve as recommending body on public art projects relating to art in public places;

(H) Serve as the recommending body on public art projects relating to art in private development.

(Ord. 1478, passed 9-17-2019)

§ 2-9-4 OFFICERS.

The Art Commission shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among its membership to serve for each year of their term. The Vice Chairperson shall preside at Commission meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.

(Ord. 1478, passed 9-17-2019)

§ 2-9-5 MEETINGS.

The Art Commission shall establish a regular meeting day and time to be convened in the City of Apache Junction Council chambers in compliance with the Arizona open meeting laws. Special meetings may be called as required.

(Ord. 1478, passed 9-17-2019)

§ 2-9-6 VACANCIES.

Vacancies shall be filled by the Council in accordance to Apache Junction City Code, Vol. I, §2-9-2 for the unexpired term of the member affected.

(Ord. 1478, passed 9-17-2019)

§ 2-9-7 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.

Art Commission members shall serve at the pleasure of the Council and may be removed by Council without the necessity of notice or a public hearing. A member shall not be absent from Art Commission meetings for more than 3 consecutive times without a reasonable excuse. After the absence of 3 consecutive meetings, the senior staff person designated by the City Manager to manage the Commission shall formally recommend to Council that the member be relieved of his or her duties.

(Ord. 1478, passed 9-17-2019)

§ 2-9-8 APPROPRIATENESS OF PUBLIC ART.

Public art shall:

(A) Infuse art, culture, and creativity through a community-engaged design which plays on the community's heritage;

(B) Build on the community's built environment and distinctive attributes which will highlight the community and provide a sense of place;

(C) Collaborate and create partners with the local government, arts groups, artists, and the community;

(D) Create city and neighborhood landmarks which connects people to place;

(E) Address cultural and environmental appropriateness;

(F) Preserve archaeological, historical, and cultural resources; and

(G) Consider design principles, materials, and maintenance.

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