



Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 2, 2022

Re: Amending Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2 of the City Code as it relates to the Commission on Cultural Affairs

Executive Summary

The Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) and the Commission on Cultural Affairs is requesting a revision to Chapter 22, Article V, Division 2 of the City Code relating to the Traffic Box Art program and the Cultural Activities Enhancement Program.

Discussion

The Commission on Cultural Affairs receives recommendations from the Standing Committee on Public Art for the annual traffic box art program. Once the Commission reviews the application and design proposal, a recommendation is made to move forward with an artist contract for the project. It is proposed to add language to Section 2-238 stating, "Upon the recommendation of the commission, the city manager is authorized to enter into agreements with artists for art on the traffic boxes." No artist would receive more than two thousand dollars in any fiscal year under the program, and it is limited to availability of funds appropriated for the program.

Additionally, the Commission receives "Small Request Applications" throughout the year, which is defined in the ordinance as the "Cultural Activities Enhancement Program." It is proposed to add language to Section 2-239 stating, "Upon the recommendation of the commission, the city manager is authorized to enter into agreements with local nonprofit arts organizations for cultural activities." No program shall receive more than five hundred dollars per request, and no more than one thousand dollars in Cultural Activities Enhancement Program funding in any fiscal year. The program is limited to the availability of funds appropriated for the program.

The OCA feels these updates would improve the efficiency of these two programs by allowing the city manager to authorize the agreements after the recommendation is made by the Commission on Cultural Affairs. Currently, the traffic box art artist agreements require City Council approval; and the Cultural Activities Enhancement Program authorization for city manager to enter agreements is brought to City Council at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Inclusive Community, Tertiary Impact: Organizational Excellence

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

Legislative History

Date	Action
4/11/22	Commission on Cultural Affairs recommended an update to Chapter 2 of the City Code.

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the legislation.