

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-01

AN ORDINANCE relating to administration, establishing by ordinance the Yakima Arts Commission, describing the responsibilities and duties of the Commission, the membership of the commission and the appointed commission member's terms of service on the commission; and adding YMC 1.36 as a new chapter of the Yakima Municipal Code.

Section 1. A new chapter 1.36 of the City of Yakima Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

Chapter 1.36 YAKIMA ARTS COMMISSION

Sections:

1.36.010 Establishment and Mission.

1.36.020 Duties.

1.36.030 Membership and Terms of Service.

1.36.010 Establishment and Mission. The Yakima Arts Commission shall report to the Yakima City Council or a designated subcommittee of the Council.

The Yakima Arts Commission shall work to enhance the cultural and aesthetic quality of life in the City of Yakima by actively pursuing the placement of public art in public spaces and by actively seeking to expand public access to visual and performing arts.

1.36.020 Duties. The duties of the Yakima Arts Commission shall include, but shall not be limited to:

A. Encouraging public art, establishing procedures for selection and approval of art pieces, suggesting placement of public art and arranging for ongoing maintenance of public art in public places throughout the City of Yakima;

B. Advise and assist city departments, commissions, and committees, as well as the City Council, regarding artistic components of all municipal government projects under consideration by the city. The Commission may also serve as a resource for artistic components of land use developments;

C. Develop relationships with existing organizations and community groups having a stake and interest in good building and public space design and development;

D. Encourage connections with regional, state, and national organizations with an interest in art, artistic values, and similar goals;

E. Pursue gifts and grants available to the City of Yakima for the purposes of cultural and artistic activities and enhancements of public spaces in the City of Yakima;

F. Promote and engage in activities that enrich the lives of the City of Yakima's residents through artistic education and expression;

G. Work with existing arts organizations, community groups, and artists in the delivery of programs and activities as well as assist in fostering collaboration and stability; and,

H. Serve as a voluntary advisory resource for the aesthetic review of private development.

1.36.030 Membership and terms of service. The Yakima Arts Commission shall have no less than thirteen (13) and no more than fifteen (15) members comprised as follows:

A. Two working artists (“working artist” shall be a person who has had their works of art exhibited in professional gallery spaces and/or has had their work included in professionally juried exhibitions or permanent collections):

B. Four to six community members. The community members shall be from diverse backgrounds and shall have no vested interest in any particular art or cultural endeavor:

C. Six persons each of whom represent one of the following six professionally staffed local arts organizations – The Yakima Symphony Orchestra, The Capitol Theatre, Allied Arts of Yakima Valley, the Seasons Music Festival, the Larson Gallery, and the Yakima Valley Museum:

D. One member of the Yakima City Council.

All members shall be appointed by the Yakima City Council. The initial Commission members shall serve staggered terms. One-third of the initial total membership shall be appointed for an eighteen (18) month term, one-third shall be appointed for a thirty (30) month term, and one-third shall be appointed for a forty-two (42) month term. Thereafter, appointed members shall each serve a four (4) year term, with each term ending on June 30 of its termination year. No member shall serve for more than two (2) four (4) year terms.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law and by the City Charter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, signed and approved this 5th day of January, 2010.

/s/ Micah Cawley

Micah Cawley, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Deborah Kloster

City Clerk

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