

ORDINANCE NO. 11-15

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending Chapter 2.17.020 of the Richland Municipal Code: Arts Commission Created, related to the size and structure of membership.

WHEREAS, the Richland Arts Commission was formed in 2004 and pursues artistic projects in the visual, performing and literary arts; and

WHEREAS, the Richland Arts Commission presently consists of nine adults and one youth member; and

WHEREAS, there are presently three adult vacancies on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the originally-anticipated citizen interest to serve on the Commission has not materialized, resulting in increased staff recruitment time and effort; and

WHEREAS, the current size of the ten-member Commission is larger than any other City Board or Commission; and

WHEREAS, a membership consisting of six adults and one youth would more accurately reflect citizen demand and align with the size of other City Boards and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, recruitment for specialty positions including architecture, graphic arts and interior design, as well as limitations on members professionally employed in the arts-related industry has proven difficult; and

WHEREAS, removal of quotas for various specialties and limitations on those with professions in the arts would aid in recruitment by widening the applicant pool.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. RMC Chapter 2.17.020, entitled Arts Commission Created, as enacted by Ordinance No. 13-04 and last amended by Ordinance No. 10-09, shall be amended to read as follows:

**2.17.020 Arts commission created.**

There is hereby created within the city of Richland an arts commission composed of ~~nine~~ six adult members and one youth member between the age of 16 and 19 appointed by the city council. Adult commission members shall be appointed for a term of three years each. Youth commission members shall be appointed for a term of one year each.

The commission members shall be selected without regard to political affiliation and shall serve without compensation. The city council wishes to balance the commission between people who are involved in the making of art and those who enjoy art. ~~Therefore, the city council shall strive to include at least four people who are in each of the following professions: visual arts, literary arts, performing arts, and design arts. Design arts include architecture, landscape architecture, interior design, and graphic arts. There may be no more than five people involved in making art. The remaining commission members shall represent the community at large.~~ In making appointments to the committee, the city council shall strive to appoint individuals with multiple skills, experience and expertise from various disciplines and backgrounds applicable to the committee's purpose. Selection of members shall follow established procedures as set forth in RMC [2.04.120](#). [Ord. 13-04; Ord. 27-04; Ord. 10-09].

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, at a regular meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015.

  
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DAVID W. ROSE  
Mayor

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MARCIA HOPKINS  
City Clerk

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City Attorney

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