

ORDINANCE NO. 69-18

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending Chapter 2.17 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Arts Commission.

WHEREAS, the City has need, from time to time, to update the Richland Municipal Code to bring it into alignment with current practices and to eliminate conflict and ambiguity; and

WHEREAS, over time, disparate regulations have been codified for the City's various boards, commissions and committees which make consistent and clear administration difficult; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2018, Council approved Ordinance No. 21-18, which amended RMC 2.04.110 to lend consistency to the overall administration of the City's boards, commissions and committees, and to bring the Richland Municipal Code into alignment with current practices; and

WHEREAS, in the process of adopting Ordinance No. 21-18, the City created temporary conflicts in existing individual board, commission and committee code sections that now require amendment; and

WHEREAS, an element of the City's strategic plan is to ensure that proper foundational authorities are in place to allow for successful government.

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

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Chapter 2.17, entitled Arts Commission, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 13-04, and last amended by Ordinance No. 11-15, is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 2.17
ARTS COMMISSION**

Sections:

- 2.17.010 Purpose.
- 2.17.020 Arts commission created – Membership.
- ~~2.17.030 Removal – Vacancies.~~
- ~~2.17.040 Meetings, officers, records, and quorum.~~
- ~~2.17.050 Functions and dDuties.~~
- 2.17.060 Severability. ~~Expenditures – Budget.~~
- ~~2.17.070 Staff assistance.~~

2.17.010 Purpose.

The purpose and intent of this chapter is to make available to the city council and staff an advisory body to provide expertise on visual, performing, and literary arts (described as “art” hereafter) as cultural enrichment opportunities. The committee will also encourage and support art in Richland to improve quality of life, strengthen economic development, and revitalize the community.

2.17.020 Arts commission created – Membership.

There is hereby created within the city of Richland an arts commission composed of 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. 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.~~

~~2.17.030 Removal – Vacancies.~~

~~The committee may, by majority vote, recommend to the city council removal of an appointed member upon such grounds as may be deemed appropriate. The city council, by majority vote, may remove any appointed member of the committee and declare the position vacant. Vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled for any unexpired term in the manner used for regular appointments. Workshops shall be excluded from the definition of “meetings” for the purposes of this section.~~

2.17.040 Meetings, ~~officers, records, and quorum.~~

~~The committee shall elect its own chairperson, vice chairperson and create and fill such other offices as it may determine it requires.~~ The committee shall hold regular monthly meetings no less than every second month with the first annual meeting to be held in February of each calendar year. ~~It shall adopt rules for transaction of business and shall keep a record of its meetings, resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations, and which record shall be open to public inspection.~~

~~Four members of the committee or at least one-half of the total members, rounded up to the nearest whole number, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. An agenda shall be prepared and distributed prior to each meeting including individual items of committee business that are intended to be discussed.~~

2.17.050 ~~Functions and~~ dDuties.

The arts commission shall perform the following functions:

- A. Provide recommendations to the city council on artistic endeavors in which the city becomes involved and act as a representative of the community in such matters;
- B. Serve as the central commission to whom individuals and groups may bring their concerns and ideas with regard to the arts;
- C. Encourage donations, grants and other support to further expand art opportunities in Richland;
- D. Explore ways and implement methods of obtaining financial support through development of private, local, state and federal funds and establishing public/private partnerships to promote art within the community;
- E. Explore and promote arts-related projects, including events and installations businesses that provide an economic benefit and/or beautify and enhance the image of the city;
- F. Engage in long range art planning and implementation of the strategic art plan and review city plans for the purpose of integration of arts elements into city planning including education, public finance, community services, etc.;
- G. Recognize artistic contributions made by individuals and organizations to the city and provide recognition and encouragement to local artists;
- H. Review and make recommendations on all works of art acquired by the city; and
- I. Review and recommend policy for acquiring, maintaining, and displaying the city's art collection.

2.17.060 Severability. Expenditures – Budget.

~~The expenditures of the committee, exclusive of donations, shall be limited to appropriations. All services requiring appropriations shall be submitted through the budget of the city's community development department; provided, however, that the services of outside consultants may be obtained for a temporary period of time when specifically authorized by the city council.~~ If any one or more sections, subsections or sentences of this chapter are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter, and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

~~2.17.070 Staff assistance.~~

~~The staff of the various departments within the city, as assigned by the city manager, shall provide staff assistance and shall also serve to facilitate communications by the arts commission to the city council.~~

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, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 18th day of December, 2018.



ROBERT J. THOMPSON
Mayor

ATTEST:



MARCIA HOPKINS, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

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