

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, REINSTATING THE ARTS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.70 of the Covington Municipal Code (“CMC”), Arts Commission, was repealed at the July 28, 2020 city council regular meeting pursuant to Ordinance No. 09-2020; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue to have a Covington Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, at the City Council Summit on January 25, 2020, council agreed to no longer make any distinctions between commission members who live within the city or within three miles of its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.13.080 is silent on how the city council may appoint citizen commissions and the city council has determined that it is more efficient reestablish the arts commission and its governing rules by resolution; and

WHEREAS, with the concurrent adoption of Ordinance No. 09-2020, which repealed Chapter 2.70 CMC, Arts Commission, all current members of the City of Covington Arts Commission will retain their positions and will continue to serve until their terms expire;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Covington, King County, Washington, resolves as follows:

Section 1. Creation of Commission. The Arts Commission is hereby created as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section 2. Concurrent Adoption; Continuation; Effective Date. This resolution is being adopted concurrently with the passage of Ordinance No. 09-2020, which repealed Chapter 2.70 CMC. All current members of the Arts Commission established under repealed Chapter 2.70 CMC, shall retain their positions and will continue to serve in their positions pursuant to the terms of this resolution. Furthermore, all previous policies and procedures, functions, and work of the Arts Commission shall remain in place under the terms of this resolution. This resolution shall go into effect concurrently with the effective date of Ordinance No. 09-2020.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution, or its application to any person or situation, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution or its application to other persons or situation. The City Council of the City of Covington hereby declares that it would have adopted this resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clauses, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or

more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Corrections. Upon the approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this resolution are authorized to make any necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

Section 5. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution is adopted concurrently with Ordinance No. 09-2020 and shall be effective upon the effective date of Ordinance No. 09-2020, August 5, 2020.


Passed by the City Council of the City of Covington this 28th day of July 2020.

Signed in authentication of its passage this 28th day of July, 2020.



Jeff Wagner, Mayor

AUTHENTICATED:



Joan Michaud, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Mark Orthmann, as authorized by email on July 28, 2020
Mark Orthmann, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

ARTS COMMISSION

1. Created. The Arts Commission (“Commission”) is hereby created and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.
2. Definition. “Art” or “arts” includes, but is not limited to, all graphic and visual arts, performing skills, and crafts.
3. Membership and Residence Requirements. The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the City Council. Members must live within the City limits or within a three-mile radius of the City limits.
4. Term of Office. Each position shall have a term of office for three years. Terms shall commence on June 1 and expire on May 31 of the respective years. If a member is not appointed for a new term on June 1, the incumbent member may continue to serve in that position until such later date when a member is appointed for a new term. When a vacancy occurs on the Commission, the replacement member shall be appointed only for the remainder of the unexpired term.
5. Removal. Commission members may be removed by the City Council at any time pursuant to the Covington City Council Policies and Procedures, as amended from time to time.
6. Organization and Meetings. The Commission shall adopt Policies and Procedures. The City Manager shall appoint staff to provide assistance to the commission as available and permitted by the budget. The commission shall meet one time per month and upon call of the chairperson, as necessary.
7. Responsibilities. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council. To that end, the commission shall study, analyze and report as requested by the City Council and may perform the following functions in order to provide leadership in the arts:
 - 7.1 Keep the City Council informed in matters of art, and represent community interest in matters of art;
 - 7.2 Serve as the central commission to whom individuals and groups may bring their concerns and ideas regarding the arts;
 - 7.3 Seek to enlarge the art consciousness of Covington;
 - 7.4 Encourage multi-age working, sharing, learning, and teaching in the arts;

7.5 Provide recognition and encouragement to local artists, both those established and those yet unrecognized;

7.6 Explore financing for acquisition of art objects, art activities, and capital improvements for the arts in Covington;

7.7 Establish a long-range plan for the development and operation of a cultural center;

7.8 Preparation of a public involvement program that solicits volunteer support and encourages public participation in the implementation and operation of Covington's comprehensive arts program;

7.9 Develop, implement, and review a comprehensive community arts program and annual work plan;

7.10 Present monthly Commission meeting reports to the City Council at the first regular City Council meeting following the regular monthly Commission meeting;

7.11 Review the suitability of any work of art intended as a gift to the City;

7.12 Such other and further responsibilities as may be assigned to the Commission by the City Council, from time to time.