



PUBLIC ART COMMISSION ORDINANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022 – [ordinance # tbd]



To amend Ch. 2, Art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new Div. 20 (§§ 2-1182—2-1186) for the purpose of formally establishing a Public Art Commission.

RATIONAL

Revealing Richmond: A Public Art Master Plan for the City of Richmond, VA listed as its top and immediate priority, the drafting of a new ordinance for the City’s public art program. City Council approved the *Public Art Master Plan* on September 24, 2018 (Ord. 2018-205) and voted to incorporate it into *Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth* on December 14, 2020 (Ord. 2020-236).

PROPOSED CHANGES TO EXISTING PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Membership

The existing 11 members—currently appointed by the Planning Commission—will be reduced to nine members, one appointed by the Mayor and eight appointed by the City Council.

The composition of the Commission will be

- (1) Three members shall be practicing artists.
- (2) Two members shall be arts professionals, one of which must be a representative from either the Urban Design Committee or City Planning Commission.
- (3) One member shall represent an arts and cultural organization located within the City.
- (4) Two members shall represent the community-at-large.
- (5) One Council member.

Responsibilities

Commissioning, purchasing, receiving, siting, and installing Public Art, both permanent *and temporary*, on City-owned property. A definition of “temporary” is also included: art that is installed on public property for a duration of no more than one year.

Preparing and adopting an annual Public Art Work Plan.

Providing the Director of PDR with a year-end report on the Commission’s activities and accomplishments for the preceding year.

Staffing

The Director of PDR shall assign one or more departmental employees to provide the necessary support for the Commission subject to available funding.