

Chapter 3.59 - ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Sections:

3.59.010 - Creation of Commission.

There is created an Arts and Culture Commission.

(Amended by Ordinance No. 43-90 N.S.)

3.59.020 - Commission purpose and duties.

The purpose of the Commission is to promote and encourage the development of and interest in the fine and performing arts, and to act in an advisory capacity to the City concerning its artistic and cultural development and the preservation of Richmond's heritage. The duties of the Commission shall be as follows:

- (a) Advise the City Council on all art-related issues;
- (b) Evaluate the resources and needs of local arts organizations;
- (c) Facilitate communication and cooperation among art groups;
- (d) Pursue ways to increase funding and resources for the arts in the City of Richmond;
- (e) Cooperate with existing public and private agencies to develop programs to further the development and public awareness of the fine and performing arts reflecting the cultural diversity and historical resources of the City of Richmond;
- (f) Disseminate information concerning arts and cultural programs in the City of Richmond;
- (g) Recommend policies and advise the City concerning the receipt or purchase of art work to be placed on municipal property;
- (h) Recommend needed changes in laws, legislation, and policies needed to promote the aesthetic, cultural development and historical preservation of the City;
- (i) Be available to city departments, when appropriate, to advise on arts, cultural and historical issues.

3.59.030 - Appointment and qualifications of members.

The Commission shall consist of eleven (11) members who shall reflect the demographic and cultural diversity of the City and who shall not be officers or employees of the City of Richmond and who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the concurrence of the City Council. Any vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor with the concurrence of the City Council for the unexpired portion of the term of the appointee's predecessor. A majority of the appointees shall be residents of the City of Richmond, to maintain a balance of all the arts disciplines, a majority of the members shall be professional artists, arts educators or arts administrators, and one local historian, with a commitment to public accessibility to the arts.

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 1-88 N.S. and 41-05 N.S.)

3.59.040 - Terms of office.

The term of each member of the Commission shall be for four years; provided, however, that of the members first appointed, four shall serve for a term of two years; four shall serve for a term of three years, and three shall serve for a term of four years. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive full terms.

3.59.050 - Officers.

The Commission shall meet within thirty days after their appointment by the Mayor and the City Council and from their own number elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson. Said officers shall serve for a period of one year. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the chairperson or vice-chairperson, the Commission shall elect a successor who shall serve for the balance of the predecessor's term. The Commission shall appoint a secretary who may be, but need not be, a member of the Commission.

3.59.060 - Meetings.

The Commission shall fix the time and place of regular meetings of the Commission which shall be not less frequent than once each month. All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public.

3.59.070 - Rules and records.

The Commission shall adopt rules for the transaction of the business of the Commission, which rules shall, among other things, include the term of the secretary of the commission, the manner of calling and giving notices of special meetings and hearings, and the appointment and powers of standing committees. The commission shall keep records which shall be open to the public of its resolutions, transactions, motions, orders, findings and determinations.

3.59.080 - Absence from meetings.

The absence of any member of the commission from more than three regularly scheduled meetings of the commission within any twelve-consecutive- month period shall constitute an automatic resignation from the commission. Such a resignation shall not, however, disqualify an individual from subsequently being appointed to the same or any other city commission or board. In the event of any such resignations, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term of the appointee's predecessor in the manner prescribed in Section 3.59.030.

3.59.090 - Relations with city departments and agencies.

So far as practicable and subject to the approval of the city manager, the services of all other city departments and agencies shall be made available by their respective heads to the commission for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities of said commission. The city attorney may assign legal counsel to assist the commission in the conduct of its business.

(Source: Ordinance No. 41-87 N.S.)