

CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 23-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING DIVISION 7 TO TITLE 3 OF  
THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC  
ARTS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the mission of the City of Irvine is to maintain a community where people can live, work, and play in an environment that is safe, vibrant, and aesthetically pleasing; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021, the City of Irvine contracted with Arts OC, an independent non-profit arts council for Orange County, California, to perform an assessment on the City's assets and provide recommendations to improve policy guidelines and procedures; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 25, 2023, the City Council of the City of Irvine adopted Resolution 23-77 establishing a Public Arts Program Policy ("Policy"). The Policy outlines formal guidelines and an approval process for loans, donations, and procedures for evaluating and approving temporary and permanent public art projects at City-owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, a key initiative set by the City Council of the City of Irvine was the establishment of a Public Arts Committee and the development of a Public Arts Master Plan ("Plan") to implement new programming and long-range recommendations for public art.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Division 7 of Chapter 3 of the Irvine Municipal Code is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE

Sec. 3-7-101. – Creation.

There is hereby created a Public Arts Committee for the City.

Sec. 3-7-102. – Composition.

The Public Arts Committee shall be comprised of the same number of members as there are members of the City Council, including the Mayor.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines because there is no possibility that this Ordinance or its implementation would have a significant negative effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3).) The City Clerk shall cause a Notice of Exemption to be filed as authorized by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and this Ordinance shall be published as required by law and shall take effect as provided by law.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Irvine at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of November 2023.

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE