

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND** that Chapter 4 of the Rockville City Code, entitled “Arts and Cultural Affairs,” be amended as follows:

**Chapter 4**

**ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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**ARTICLE II. – CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**Sec. 4-20. – Responsibilities**

(a) The Cultural Arts Commission shall:

- (1) serve as an advocate for the Rockville community on cultural and arts activities to ensure that residents can equitably experience the benefits of the arts, such as social cohesion, personal health and well-being, and educational achievement;
- (2) advise the Mayor and Council on ways to enhance Rockville’s sense of community through City-sponsored cultural events;
- (3) recommend to the Mayor and Council appropriate programs, activities, and utilization policies for City facilities which will contribute to the development of the City as a cultural center;
- (4) recommend to the Mayor and Council grants and aid opportunities which promote cultural activity in the City;
- (5) identify opportunities for students of all ages and abilities to participate in arts education programs;
- (6) represent the collective interests of Rockville’s arts groups and artists before the Mayor and Council;
- (7) review proposals to incorporate works of art in public architecture, pursuant to Article III of this chapter;
- (8) create committees and task forces from the membership of the Commission, as necessary, to focus on public art project development, artist selection, and to

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provide public art recommendations to the Commission to be acted on by the Commission in open meeting; and

(9) support cultural and arts activities that increase Rockville's economic prosperity.

(b) The Cultural Arts Commission may make recommendations to the City Manager and the Mayor and Council on the annual budget, as it pertains to the arts.

~~(1) Serve as a unified voice for the Rockville community on cultural activities;~~

~~(2) Use its good offices to seek to coordinate the efforts of various Rockville cultural arts groups to avoid scheduling conflicts;~~

~~(3) Encourage the use of appropriate City facilities such as Courthouse Square and the Rockville Civic Center as focal points for cultural activities;~~

~~(4) Enhance the City's sense of community identity through sponsored cultural events;~~

~~(5) Advise the Council regarding the status of cultural arts activities in the City;~~

~~(6) Assist with the creation of a cultural atmosphere in the community through promotion of the arts;~~

~~(7) Work with Federal, State, and County agencies such as the National Endowment for the Arts to obtain grants and aid which promote cultural activity in the City;~~

~~(8) Encourage local art through displays in public buildings;~~

~~(9) Encourage the development of arts and culture for the benefit of the citizens of the City;~~

~~(10) Recommend to the Council appropriate programs, activities and utilization policies of City facilities which will lend to the further development of the City as a cultural center;~~

~~(11) Foster education in public understanding and appreciation of the arts.~~

~~(b) The Commission will be allowed to review and comment on budget proposals for operation of the Civic Center in its role as a cultural arts center and make recommendations to the City Manager and the Council on the annual budget, as it pertains to the arts. The Commission will be given the opportunity to review the design of all new City owned culturally oriented buildings.~~

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Sec. 4-53. - Public art projects.

The Art in Public Places program is administered in accordance with the Art in Public Places Implementation Master Plan approved by the Mayor and Council. The public art projects include, but are not limited to, paintings, sculptures, engravings, carvings, frescos, mobiles, murals, collages, mosaics, statues, bas-reliefs, tapestries, photographs, light/neon artworks, drawings, stained glass, fountains, environmental/earthworks or other decoration for exterior or interior sites. Public art projects do not include fixtures or features such as grates, street lights, benches, signs or landscaping.

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NOTE: ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates material deleted.

Underlining indicates material added.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of July 31, 2023.



Sara Taylor-Ferrell

City Clerk/Director of Council Operation