

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Payments to Artists for the Sale of Goods
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize a special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) in order to process payments to artists for the sale of goods created at the Britt David Pottery Studio.
INITIATED BY:	Parks & Recreation

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize a special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) in order to process payments to artists for the sale of goods created at the Britt David Pottery Studio.

Background: Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) states that “Any person, club, organization, or their agents, employees, or representatives who wish to sell, barter, trade, build, pave, grade, haul, make studies, do planning, enter contracts, and any and all other kinds of businesses with the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, or any of its governmental agencies, shall, prior to doing said business, obtain, secure, and maintain a current city business license from the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Analysis: In prior years, Parks and Recreation has allowed artists to sell their works of art at the Britt David Pottery Studio without each independent artist obtaining a business license.

Financial Considerations: The City has not collected or received occupation taxes from each of the sellers. Instead, up to 2019, the city maintained a business license account and remitted occupation taxes on behalf of sellers which was subsequently determined to be in error.

Legal Considerations: Council’s approval is required to authorize a special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) in order to pay the artists for the sale of goods without a license.

Recommendations/Actions: Approve a resolution to authorize a special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) in order to process payments to artists for the sale of goods created at the Britt David Pottery Studio.

RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO COLUMBUS CODE SECTION 19-36 (B) IN ORDER TO PROCESS PAYMENTS TO ARTISTS FOR THE SALE OF GOODS CREATED AT THE BRITT DAVID POTTERY STUDIO.

WHEREAS, Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) states that “Any person, club, organization, or their agents, employees, or representatives who wish to sell, barter, trade, build, pave, grade, haul, make studies, do planning, enter contracts, and any and all other kinds of businesses with the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, or any of its governmental agencies, shall, prior to doing said business, obtain, secure, and maintain a current city business license from the Columbus Consolidated Government.”; and,

WHEREAS, In prior years, Parks and Recreation has allowed artists to sell their works of art at the Britt David Pottery Studio without each independent artist obtaining a business license; and,

WHEREAS, A special exception is required to waive the business license requirements in accordance with Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) in order to pay the aforementioned independent artists for the sale of goods created at the Britt David Pottery Studio.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to make payments to artists for the sale of goods created at the Britt David Pottery Studio with a special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36(b).

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 26th day of March, 2024, adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor