

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Eileen May, Director, Arts and Culture

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 200, 2025, Amending the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Rename the Cultural Services Department as the Arts and Culture Department and Rename the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund as the Arts and Culture Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to amend City Code to officially rename the Cultural Services Department as the Arts and Culture Department and to rename the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund as the Arts and Culture Fund. This update reflects the department's evolving role in supporting community cultural programs, public arts initiatives, facilities, and partnerships, while better aligning the department's name with its mission and the City's broader arts and culture objectives. The name change will also coincide with the department's website transition on December 10, 2025, providing a consistent public-facing identity across all communications and platforms.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Cultural Services Department has historically managed a portfolio of cultural programs, venues, and public art initiatives, including the Lincoln Center, The Gardens on Spring Creek, FoCo POP, community events, and arts partnerships. Over time, the department's work has expanded to include broader arts advocacy, community engagement, and support for the local creative ecosystem.

Renaming the department as the Arts and Culture Department and the fund as the Arts and Culture Fund provides clarity about the department's mission, aligns with current practice and public perception, and enhances communication with residents, artists, organizations, and partners. This change also reflects the City's ongoing commitment to arts and culture as an integral component of community vibrancy, economic development, and quality of life.

The Ordinance does not impact department operations, staffing, or programs beyond the official name change, and it aligns with prior City Council priorities and the strategic direction outlined in the FoCo Creates Master Plan.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This item has been reviewed by relevant staff and stakeholders. It has been recommended to proceed to Council for approval.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 200, 2025