



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt a Public Art Policy

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Work Session: August 31, 2026
First Reading: N/A

Final Adoption: September 1, 2026
Staff Work By: Committee
Presentation By: Michael T. Borders

Strategic Focus Area: 3. Exceptional Cultural & Recreational Opportunities

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved, the City will adopt a Public Art Policy to guide the management, selection, maintenance, and deaccession of public art.

The Public Art Policy creates a standard for public art in Kingsport, and offers criteria for selecting new public art pieces. It also creates guidelines for maintenance and deaccession of public art.

According to Section 66-79(g) of the Kingsport Code of Ordinances, all public art projects must be reviewed by the Cultural Arts Commission, city management, and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen prior to final approval. This policy introduces specific criteria for decision-making to ensure consistency, safety, and quality in Kingsport's public art collection. Additionally, it clarifies the responsibilities of the BMA, Cultural Arts Commission, and Departmental Staff in the selection, management, maintenance, and deaccession of Public Art.

The Cultural Arts Commission reviewed the Public Art Policy at its August 14th meeting and voted to recommend approval of the Public Art Policy.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Public Art Policy

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Baker	—	—	—
Byers	—	—	—
Clifton	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
Isaacs	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—