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**Ordinance 2026-02:** Consideration of an ordinance establishing a new section within the Land Development Regulations to allow murals and sculptures to be attached to structures.

# Summary

- **Article 1 – Section 23.1-12: Definitions**
  - Creating a definition for sculpture as a three-dimensional work of art that may be free-standing, wall-supported, or suspended.
- **Article 4 – Establishing New Section 23.4-27: Murals and Structures**
  - Requirement for a building permit prior to installation;
  - Design standards requiring compatibility with the building architecture and durable outdoor materials;
  - Installation standards requiring professional execution, compliance with approved plans, weatherproofing, and maintenance access;
  - Allowing murals and sculptures to extend a structure's height by up to ten (10) feet, provided the maximum zoning height is not exceeded;
  - Location restrictions along major corridors, with allowance for approval by the Planning and Zoning Board or Historic Resources Preservation Board upon specific findings;
  - Clarification that murals and sculptures are not intended to function as signage, with commercial messaging regulated under existing sign provisions;
  - Application requirements including owner consent, professional renderings, material specifications, and written justification;
  - Review by the Planning and Zoning Board or Historic Resources Preservation Board, as applicable; and
  - Ongoing maintenance and building code compliance requirements.
- **Article 5 – Section 23.5-1: Signs**
  - Repeals Paragraph (e)(13) of Section 23.5-1, Signs, removing duplicative mural regulations related to board review, location restrictions, signage treatment, installation and maintenance standards, application requirements, and enforcement.

# LPA

- **The Planning & Zoning Board (PZB)** unanimously voted to recommend approval of the proposed text amendment at their meeting on February 4, 2026.
- **The Historic Resources Preservation Board (HRPB)** unanimously voted to not recommend approval of the proposed text amendment at their meeting on February 11, 2026. The HRPB recommended allowing murals in all zoning districts while eliminating or minimizing regulation in residential, particularly single-family properties, including murals on fences. The HRPB recommended the regulations should apply only to murals visible from a public right-of-way, and the mural definition may need revision. The Board supported reasonable size and height limits for sculptures attached to structures. Overall, the Board favored reducing oversight, especially for residential murals.

## City Commission

- **The City Commission** initially heard and discussed this item on March 21, 2026 providing comments, suggestions, clarification and edits that needed to be incorporated.
- The item is now being brought back under first reading incorporating to the extent possible the various points provided at the March 21, 2026 meeting.
- All changes are highlighted in yellow in the proposed ordinance.

## **POTENTIAL MOTION:**

- Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2026-02 on first reading, and to schedule second reading and public hearing for May 5, 2026.



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