



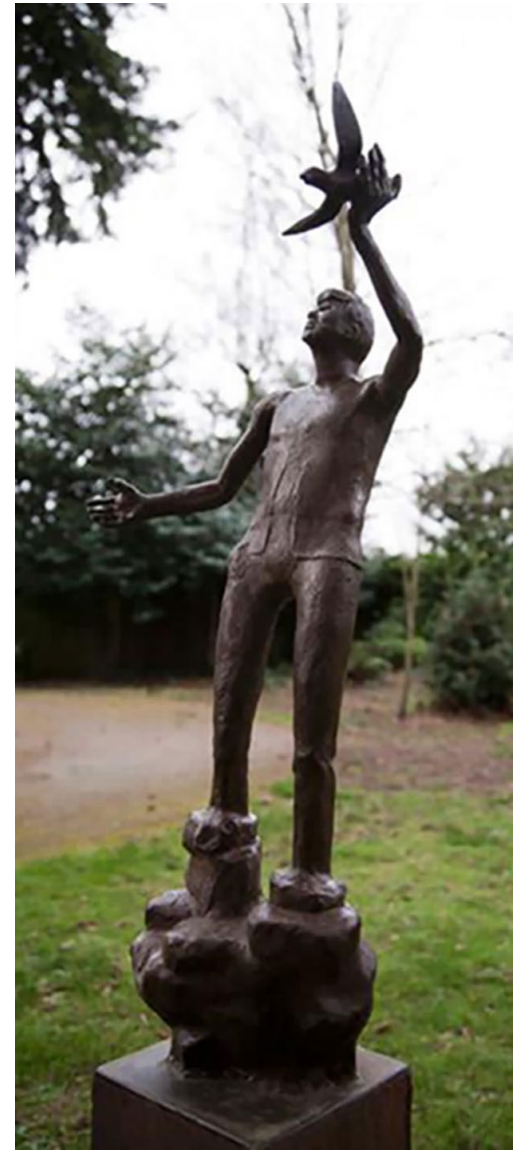
1% for Art in Public Places Fund Code Amendments

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Background

- In 1993, City Council established the 1% for Art in Public Places Fund that requires all qualifying capital improvement projects to set aside 1% of the total project cost to support permanent public art installations.
- A project's contribution may be used to integrate a public art project into the capital project or transferred to the 1% for Art Fund for future use.
- Under the current City code, there is not an option for the City Council to exempt a project.



Now We Are One, 1990. Bronze Statue.
First Hill Park.

Background

- **June 3, 2025** - during the discussion on the PSM Facility design, City Council asked if it was possible for a project to be exempted from the 1% for Art Fund contribution requirements.
- **June 17, 2025** - City directed staff to prepare an ordinance modifying the 1% for the Arts code to allow the City Council to fully or partially exempt projects from the contribution requirements.



***Mercy, 2000.** Bronze Statue.
Pedestrian overlook at the I-90 trail.*

Annual Fund Balance

1% for Art in Public Spaces Fund	2021	2022	2023	2024
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 157,833	\$ 158,936	\$ 175,916	\$ 153,309
1% Arts Revenue	\$ 13,314	\$ 28,229	\$ 30,915	\$ 68,106
Other Revenue ¹	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure	\$ (29,211)	\$ (11,249)	\$ (53,521)	\$ (27,995)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 158,936	\$ 175,916	\$ 153,309	\$ 193,420

¹ Insurance recovery.

Existing Art Collection

- Today, the City's public art collection includes more than 60 works of art installed around the Island.
- Five pieces are located at the former City Hall.
- It is the intent of City staff and the Design Team to relocate the existing art pieces from the former City Hall building and integrate them into the new PSM Facility.



***Twin Foxes*, 2015.** Bronze Statue.
Former Mercer Island City Hall.

PSM Facility

- The Public Safety and Maintenance (PSM) Facility is a capital project that must contribute to the 1% for Art in Public Places Fund under the current City code.
- The project cost estimate presented at the June 3, 2025, City Council meeting included a \$739,633 contribution to the 1% for Art Fund.



***Sentinel*, 1990.** Stainless Steel and Concrete.
Former Mercer Island City Hall.

PSM Facility

- Under City code and State law, revenue from a voter approved bond must be used for the project described in the bond ordinance.
- If contributions to the 1% for Art Fund are intended to be used for projects in addition to the PSM Facility, these projects must be identified in the bond ordinance.
- However, if the contributions to the 1% for Art Fund are collected and intended to be used solely for the PSM Facility, then no additional reference is required in the bond ordinance.



Ord. No. 25C-19

Ordinance No. 25C-19 adds the option for the City Council to exempt or partially exempt qualifying projects from contributing to the 1% for Art in Public Places Fund.



Gateway, 2015. Galvanized Steel.
Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery.

Recommended Action

Adopt Ordinance No. 25C-19, upon first reading, to amend MICC 4.40.200 related to the 1% for Arts in Public Places Fund.

