



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 1 for 2024 – Adopting City Public Art Program Policies and Guidelines

Preferred Agenda: January 23, 2024

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Type of Action: Resolution X Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: SHMC Chapter 2.10

Towards Council Goal: Be an effective and efficient government

Attachments: Resolution No. 1 for 2024

Purpose of this RCA:

To adopt a resolution formalizing the Public Art Program Policies and Guidelines for the City of Sweet Home.

Background/Context:

The City of Sweet Home’s Ad Hoc Committee on Arts and Culture recommended policies and guidelines to govern the acquisition, retention, and deaccession of public art at their meeting on November 21, 2023. The City has not previously had a policy regarding public art.

The Challenge/Problem:

The City of Sweet Home does not currently have a formalized process to attract, support, and maintain public art projects. The establishment of clear policies and guidelines will ensure clarity and consistency for the selection and support of future public art projects. The proposed policies and guidelines make clear the goals and objectives of the City’s public art program; the criteria of artwork; the selection of artists; the responsibilities of artists, the City of Sweet Home, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Arts and Culture; and the expectations regarding ownership, reproduction, resiting, resale, alteration, maintenance, and deaccessioning.

Stakeholders:

- **Staff**– Staff will be able to support selection, implementation, and maintenance of public art with clear policies and guidelines.
- **Council** – The City Council will be able to review public art recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Arts and Culture and any of its selection juries with confidence that the process was consistent and fair, and supportive of the arts for the City of Sweet Home.
- **Citizens** – Citizens can submit public art project proposals with clear knowledge of the process and expectations.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

There is no financial impact from approval of this resolution. Resources will be allocated on a case-by-case basis, in alignment with the City Budget, to support any future art projects under the governance of these policies and guidelines.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

The City would adopt clear policies and guidelines to support future public art enhancements for the community.

Options:

1. Option #1 – Do Nothing. The policies and guidelines would not be adopted and the City would review all public art opportunities on a case-by-case basis without consistent expectations.
2. Option #2 – Direct staff to amend Resolution No. 1 for 2023 and bring it back to City Council for consideration.
3. Option #3 – Make a Motion to approve Resolution No. 1 for 2023 and adopt the City of Sweet Home Public Art Program Policies and Guidelines.

Recommendation:

1. Option #3 – Make a Motion to approve Resolution No. 1 for 2023 and adopt the City of Sweet Home Public Art Program Policies and Guidelines.