

ORDINANCE NO. 28,140

ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, ETC., AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, 2020, AMENDING ARTICLE VII – ARTS COMMISSION AND THE ARTS, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 38-497 - MEMBERS AND 38-498 – OFFICERS; AND ENACTING SECTION 38-500 – MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES; RELATING TO PROCEDURE FOR ARTS COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP.

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 38, Article VII, Sections 38-497 and 38-498 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 38

PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, ETC.

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ARTICLE VII. - ARTS COMMISSION AND THE ARTS

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DIVISION 2. ARTS COMMISSION

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§38-497. - Members.

- (a) The Arts Commission shall be composed of ~~15~~eleven (11) members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. ~~The Arts Commission shall have the following composition, with at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members being residents of the City:~~
- ~~(1) — six members at large.~~
 - ~~(2) — one member shall represent the Arts Council of Oklahoma City.~~
 - ~~(3) — one member shall represent the Allied Arts Foundation.~~
 - ~~(4) — three members shall be professional artists, performers and/or architects.~~
 - ~~(5) — four members shall be from other arts and cultural organizations not specifically referenced herein.~~

The Arts Commission shall include at least three (3) members who are artists, performers or architects. The remaining Commission members shall have a history of being supporters of the city's artistic and cultural growth, or are either artists or performers, or architects,

or, at the time of their initial appointment, board members of an Oklahoma City-based arts or cultural organization. Consideration should be given for maintaining representation from across the city and from different constituencies within the city's artistic and cultural communities.

- (b) All members of the Arts Commission shall serve without compensation. The term of each member shall be three years or until a successor takes office. The term will expire on September 1 in the year in which the term would normally expire. All members shall serve three-year terms after the current term expires or until a successor takes office.
- (c) Any incumbent member of the Arts Commission shall be eligible for reappointment at the end of his term of office. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member of the Arts Commission may be removed from office for neglect of duty or malfeasance. Removal shall be effected by a majority vote of the Council.
- (d) ~~All members shall serve without compensation.~~

§38.498. - Officers.

The Arts Commission shall select one of its members as ~~chairman~~ Chair, another as ~~vice-chairman~~ Vice-Chair and another as ~~secretary~~ Commission Advocate. The ~~chairman, vice-chairman and secretary~~ Chair, Vice-Chair, and Commission Advocate shall receive no salary for their services.

§38.499. - Functions.

Unless otherwise specified in this Code, the duties of the Arts Commission shall be as follows:

- (1) to make regular assessments of the conditions and needs of the City concerning the arts;
- (2) to advise the Council concerning works of art to be placed on municipal property;
- (3) to make recommendations to the Council concerning grants from Federal and State agencies, private groups and individuals, and, when so directed by the Council, oversee arts and cultural projects and programs;
- (4) to increase public awareness of the value of our arts and cultural resources by developing and participating in public information programs;
- (5) to advise and assist the Council in connection with such other arts and cultural matters as may be referred to it by the Council;
- (6) to encourage greater arts and cultural involvement by departments of the City and to better utilize private arts and cultural agencies for services to citizens;
- (7) to keep minutes and records of all meetings and proceedings, including voting records, attendance records, resolutions, findings of fact and decisions; and
- (8) to perform any other functions imposed by this article or otherwise specified by the Council; and

- (9) to advise the Council concerning the promotion of coordination among units of government in their projects and programs which involve the arts and cultural matters.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 38, Article VII, of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, is hereby amended by enacting Section 38-500 to read as follows:

§38-500. - Meetings and procedures.

- (a) Meetings. Meetings shall be scheduled monthly; these may be cancelled for lack of applications.
- (b) Presiding Officer. The Chair or, in his or her absence, the Vice-Chair of the Commission, shall preside over all meetings of the Arts Commission.
- (c) Quorum. Six members of the Arts Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless there is a vacancy in the membership, in which case it shall be a majority of the remaining members. Action taken at any meeting shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the Arts Commission present at the meeting.
- (d) Open to Public. All meetings of the Arts Commission shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act (25 O.S. § 301 et seq.). Any person, or his or her duly appointed representative, shall be entitled to appear and be heard on any matter before the Arts Commission.
- (e) Rules. The Arts Commission shall adopt its own Rules for Conduct of its business, provided such rules are not in conflict with Oklahoma Statutes or the Oklahoma City Municipal Code. Any such proposed Rules of Conduct shall be introduced, then presented for hearing at a separate meeting, then placed on a subsequent Agenda of the Arts Commission for further discussion and a vote for adoption.

INTRODUCED AND READ in open meeting of the Council of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 15TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of the City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 29TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ATTEST:

Amy K Simpson
City Clerk



THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY

David Holt
MAYOR

REVIEWED for form and legality.

Jessie K. Randall
Assistant Municipal Counselor

**City Council Action
Financial Impact Report**

Title of Item:

Ordinance relating to Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, etc., amending Chapter 38 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, amending Article VII – Arts Commission and the Arts, by amending Sections 38-497 - Members and 38-498 – Officers; and enacting Section 38-500 – Meetings and procedures; relating to procedure for Arts Commission membership.

Originating Department: Municipal Counselor

Description of Impact

This Ordinance amendment addresses one of the more persistent challenges facing the Commission: given that it comprises the largest number of positions among our commissions, achieving quorum has proven consistently difficult, a difficulty compounded by the relatively stringent eligibility requirements currently governing membership. By easing these constraints, this proposal would facilitate the appointment of well-qualified candidates, bring our procedures more closely into alignment with standard practice, and substantially improve our capacity to reach quorum going forward.

Summary of Impact

a. Cost to City Organization: No direct costs anticipated

b. Cost to Citizens: None

c. Cost to Business Community: None

d. Revenue Produced: None

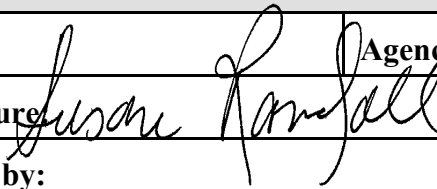
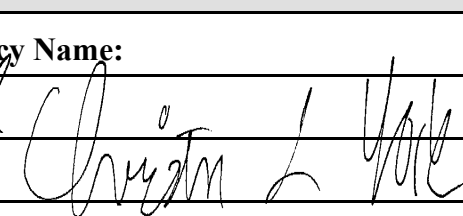
Source of Funds

Fund Name:

Agency Name:

Department Head Signature:

OMB Review Completed by:

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

Council Agenda
Item No. III. B
9/29/2026

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan
Municipal Counselor

Ordinance on final hearing relating to Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, etc., amending Chapter 38 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, amending Article VII – Arts Commission and the Arts, by amending Sections 38-497 - Members and 38-498 – Officers; and enacting Section 38-500 – Meetings and procedures; relating to procedure for Arts Commission membership.

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Review:

Municipal Counselor's Office

Recommendation: Ordinance be adopted.