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## **Article 1. Arts Commission**

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### **Sec. 4-16.101. Arts Commission created.**

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There is hereby established an Arts Commission consisting of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Council, or by a majority vote of the total voting membership of the Council. The members shall be selected from among those in the community who have a special knowledge of and a demonstrated interest in the arts and who are interested in promoting such activity. In making such appointments, the Mayor may consider representation on the Commission from a number of arts-related disciplines and activities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Performing arts, such as drama, music and dance;
- (b) Visual arts, such as painting, sculpture, photography, graphics, video art and applied art;
- (c) Literary arts, such as literature, poetry and journalism;
- (d) Communications arts involving film, television and radio;
- (e) Arts education, such as schools, libraries and community education; and
- (f) Funding, such as fund raisers, representatives of public and private funding agencies and art patrons.

No more than three (3) members of the Commission shall be nonresidents of the City.

(§ 1, Ord. 765, eff. May 22, 2003, as renumbered by § 2, Ord. 800, eff. August 8, 2008)

### **Sec. 4-16.102. Terms.**

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Members of the Commission shall be appointed to terms of four (4) years. The terms of all members of the Commission shall expire at the second regular City Council meeting of May, as provided below. The terms of all members of the Commission shall expire at the second regular City Council meeting of May. Terms shall be staggered for all members such that the terms of the three (3) members of the Commission whose terms began in May 2014 shall expire in May 2018 and those four (4) members whose terms began in May 2013 shall expire in May 2016, notwithstanding the provisions of this Code in effect when those members were appointed. Thereafter, appointments will be for four (4) years.

(§ 1, Ord. 765, eff. May 22, 2003, as renumbered by § 2, Ord. 800, eff. August 8, 2008, and amended by § 3, Ord. 843, eff. August 22, 2014)

### **Sec. 4-16.103. Removal.**

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Any member of the Commission may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Council, or by a majority vote of the total voting membership of the Council. Vacancies for the remainder of unexpired terms as a result of removal, resignation or any other cause shall be filled in the same manner in which original appointments were made.

(§ 1, Ord. 765, eff. May 22, 2003, as renumbered by § 2, Ord. 800, eff. August 8, 2008)

**Sec. 4-16.104. Organization.**

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The Commission shall annually elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson and such other officers deemed necessary, including a secretary who need not be a member of the Commission. In the absence or disability of either the chairperson or vice-chairperson, the Commission may designate a chairperson pro tempore. Regular meetings of the Commission shall be public and shall be held at least quarterly at such times and places as the Commission may fix.

(§ 1, Ord. 765, eff. May 22, 2003, as renumbered by § 2, Ord. 800, eff. August 8, 2008)

**Sec. 4-16.105. Minutes of meetings—Compensation.**

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Minutes of meetings of the Commission shall be kept of all meetings, and copies thereof shall be delivered by the secretary of the Commission to the City Clerk for filing and distribution to the members of the Council within fifteen (15) days after the Commission's approval. No member of the Commission shall receive compensation for his or her services as such a member, but the Council may fix the amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to the secretary.

(§ 1, Ord. 765, eff. May 22, 2003, as renumbered by § 2, Ord. 800, eff. August 8, 2008)

**Sec. 4-16.106. Rules of procedure.**

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Except as provided in this chapter, the Commission shall have the power to prescribe its own rules of order and procedure. Four (4) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, and a simple majority of the votes of a quorum shall be required to pass a motion. In the absence of specific rules of order and procedures, the conduct of such meetings shall be governed by the latest revised edition of Roberts' Rules of Order.

(§ 1, Ord. 765, eff. May 22, 2003, as renumbered by § 2, Ord. 800, eff. August 8, 2008)

**Sec. 4-16.107. Powers and duties.**

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The Commission shall exercise the powers reasonably necessary to perform and carry out its delegated responsibilities. The duties of the Commission include the following:

- (a) Advise the Council on all matters pertaining to the arts in the community;
- (b) Make recommendations to the Council concerning the resources and needs of the community on the subject of the arts, opportunities for participation of artists and performers in City-sponsored activities, and ways to encourage community involvement;
- (c) Work cooperatively with City boards and commissions and other public and private organizations in promoting art and cultural activities within the City;
- (d) Encourage public and private partnerships to assure the survival of the arts and artists in the City;
- (e) Encourage the flow of art into the City and stimulate art and cultural activities among residents of the City;
- (f) Review and evaluate submitted City art grant proposals and submit funding recommendations to the Council;
- (g) Carry out the duties necessary to oversee the Ojai Public Arts Program as specified in Article 2 of this chapter; and

(h) Prepare and submit to the Council at least every two (2) years a five (5) year arts project plan. Prior to submission, the Arts Commission shall review all ongoing and future capital improvement and development projects for public art opportunities.

(§ 1, Ord. 765, eff. May 22, 2003, as renumbered by § 2, Ord. 800, eff. August 8, 2008)

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