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§ 99.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

It is hereby declared that the public welfare and interest of the citizens of the city will best be served by the establishment of a public art permit and approval process. To that end, the City of Lincolnton Steering Committee is hereby assigned as an advisory board of the city to provide guidance and recommendations to the City Council on the approval of all public art considered for display in the downtown Central Business Program Area, excluding the Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail and First Federal Park.

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§ 99.02 DEFINITION.

The following definition shall apply to this chapter as written unless context indicates or requires a different meaning:

PUBLIC ART.

(1) Any work of art created by artists or craftsmen and installed on a permanent basis in spaces that are visible from public streets and pedestrian walkways. PUBLIC ART meany any original visual artwork including, but not limited to, sculptures, building murals, crosswalk or street murals, benches, pottery, bike racks, banners, photographic renderings, mosaics, and electronic art installations. The artwork must be completely free of any admission fees and be administered through a public process that provides opportunities for the community to participate and share their input.

(2) PUBLIC ART does not include any architectural or landscape design except when developed by an artist.

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§ 99.03 RULES.

(A) Public art shall be allowed in the downtown Central Business Program Area of the city, excluding the Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail and First Federal Park.

(B) All public art shall require a permit and meet the terms of the public art permit application.

(C) The Lincolnton Steering Committee shall adopt rules governing the time and place of its regularly scheduled and specially called meetings, voting requirements and the appointment of committees. Public art requests shall be reviewed and considered for approval recommendation at regularly scheduled Steering Committee meetings.

(D) The Lincolnton Steering Committee shall consider requests according to the administrative policy, procedures and design standards established for public art.

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§ 99.04 ADVISORY FUNCTION.

The Lincolnton Steering Committee, a chartered committee of the City Manager to assist city government in collaborating across boundaries to align projects, shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and the City Manager pertaining to or affecting public art within the city.

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§ 99.05 STAFF SUPPORT.

The ~~Director of Community Relations and~~ Director of Planning or their designees shall serve as the city staff members specifically charged with the responsibility of implementing policy recommendations of the Council and coordination with other municipal agencies and advisory boards for all public art projects undertaken by the Lincolnton Steering Committee.

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§ 99.06 PURPOSES; RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS.

Subject to such limitations as may be imposed by laws or regulations, the Lincolnton Steering Committee shall serve as an advisory board to the City Council for the following purposes to further the public welfare:

(A) Facilitate displays of public art in or on public buildings and public spaces to encourage public appreciation for the arts in Lincolnton.

(B) Inform the residents of an visitors to Lincolnton about public art.

(C) Advance the City of Lincolnton as an “arts destination” and engage public art as an attraction for artists, cultural tourism, economic development, and community pride.

(D) Be responsible for developing policy, procedures, and design standards for the selection of art and/or artists, which will include community input as well as appropriate staff review. The committee shall follow its public art policy and implementation guidelines as modified and//or amended.

(E) Advise staff and council on the site and content of all public art.

(F) Recommend to staff and City Council the acceptance of works of art.

(G) Work to build partnerships and collaborations throughout Lincolnton’s creative community.

(H) Support relationships and shared resources and make use of existing strengths in public and cultural arts organizations.

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§ 99.07 REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL.

The Lincolnton Steering Committee shall submit to the City Council reports of its activities and recommendations and shall maintain a record of the actions taken at its meetings.

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