



Legislative Summary

O-11-25

Arts in Public Places Commission Update & Revisions

The City of Annapolis Office of Law created this summary for the use of Annapolis City Council members during their consideration of the legislation.

Bill Summary

O-11-25 transfers the authorization and responsibilities of the Arts in Public Places Commission from Title 6 of the City Code, which deals with Revenue and Finance, to Title 2, which covers Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Additionally, the commission will now be supervised by the Planning and Zoning Director instead of the Recreation and Parks Director. This change is implemented because the Planning and Zoning Director is responsible for determining the most appropriate use of land in the city (Code § 21.02.030).

Background

The Arts in Public Places Commission was established in 2001 to collect public and private funding for developing and displaying art in the city's public spaces. This art can include both visual and performing arts. The Commission is also responsible for maintaining and repairing city-funded artworks placed throughout the city.

The Commission has nine members: one representative from each ward and one member appointed at large.



Details

O-11-25 removes Chapter 6.24, Art in Public Places, from the City Code. It then moves the content of that chapter to a new location, Article XVIII, within the Boards, Commissions, and Committees chapter.

The section of the Code has been copyedited and reformatted to align with the current legislative writing style.

Sections *(This outlines sections where duties are changed.)*

2.48.700 - Definitions.

Definitions for "Director" and "Department" have been added. Both terms refer to the Planning and Zoning Department as well as its director.

2.48.710 - Arts Fund.

References to the Recreations and Parks Director have been changed to the Planning and Zoning Director, who now has oversight of the commission.

The commission must consult the director and receive recommendations from the director before making any decisions.

2.48.740 - Selection and Display Standards.

The Planning and Zoning Director, or their designee, serves as an ex officio member of all subcommittees of the commission.

The commission is required to take the Planning and Zoning Director's recommendations into account and must publicly explain its reasons for art selection and funding decisions.