

CITY OF BOONE PUBLIC ART POLICY

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Whereas public art provokes thought, fosters dialogue, and promotes insight and understanding, thereby encouraging the civic virtues upon which republican government depends;

Whereas the display of art enhances the beauty of public spaces;

Whereas public art promotes tourism and economic growth;

Whereas the City of Boone has a substantial and important interest in maintaining the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks in an attractive and intact condition;

Whereas City of Boone also has a substantial and important interest in ensuring that the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks remain accessible to the public;

Whereas the placement of dangerous or unsafe works of art, or their unsafe or improper installation, in the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks could endanger the safety of both City employees and visitors and expose the City to increased liability; and

Whereas the placement of unsolicited works of art in City buildings, grounds and parks could hinder the public's access to City offices, or public meetings and events;

Therefore, the Boone City Council hereby adopts the following policy for the placement of public art in the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks:

1. The purpose of this policy to ensure that the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks are preserved in an attractive and intact condition, to guarantee that the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks remain accessible to the public, and to protect the safety of City employees and visitors, while allowing for the display of public art in the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks;
2. As used herein, "placement" and "work of art" are defined as follows:
 - a. Placement – the "placement" of a work of art refers to its physical attachment or affixation to the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks, including its affixation to the ground or floor by means of the weight of the work of art itself;
 - b. Work of art – a "work of art" refers to a tangible product of the fine arts, including paintings, portraits, photographs, mural decorations, statues, busts, sculptures, plaques, and other ornaments, intended for temporary or permanent public display for a decorative or commemorative purpose;
3. Except as provided herein, beginning on June 19, 2023 the placement of a work of art in the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks is prohibited unless the work of art has been solicited and approved by the Boone City Council;
4. Any work of art solicited by the City Council for placement in the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks shall be solicited pursuant to a resolution passed by the City Council identifying the message the City Council wishes to convey through the work of art;
5. Any work of art solicited by the City Council must be approved by the City Council prior to its placement in the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks by a separate resolution expressly affirming that the work of art conveys the City Council's intended message;
6. At all times, the City Council shall maintain editorial control over works of art placed in the City of Boone's buildings, grounds and parks;
7. Those using this policy are encouraged to work with the City of Boone's Arts Board, as well.