

ORDINANCE NO. 091, 2025  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS TO  
DISCONTINUE THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES BOARD AND THE  
CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD AND MERGE THEIR  
FUNCTIONS INTO THE ARTS AND CULTURE BOARD

A. The City Council established two volunteer boards relating to arts and culture: the Art In Public Places Board, a seven-member board that reviews, approves, and makes recommendations about artwork created through the Art in Public Places program, and the Cultural Resources Board, a seven-member board that makes recommendations to the City Council about the Cultural Services Department and provides recommendations about programs to fund through the Fort Fund program.

B. To improve the efficiency and accessibility of City government, the City Council seeks to combine these two boards and their functions into one new nine-member board, the Arts and Culture Board. The Arts and Culture Board will make recommendations to the Director of Cultural Services and City Council on arts and culture matters in the City, advise and make recommendations relating to the Arts in Public Places program, and review proposals for the Fort Fund program as requested by the Director of Cultural Services.

C. By operation of this Ordinance, the Art in Public Places Board and the Cultural Resources Board will terminate on April 1, 2026. The new Arts and Culture Board will be created on April 1, 2026. Members of the Art and Public Places Board and the Cultural Resources Board will be able to apply for membership on the Arts and Culture Board.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-143 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended by the addition of a new Subsection (c) which reads in its entirety as follows:

**Sec. 2-143. - Art in Public Places Board.**

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(c) All terms of members of the Board shall terminate April 1, 2026.

Section 2. Effective April 1, 2026, Section 2-143 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins, regarding the Art in Public Places Board, is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following new Section 2-143, Arts and Culture Board:

## **Sec. 2-143. - Arts and Culture Board**

(a) The City shall have an Arts and Culture Board, hereafter referred to in this Section as the "Board." The Board shall consist of nine (9) members. The City Council shall endeavor to appoint members of the Board who are arts professionals. For the purpose of this Section, *arts professional* shall mean a person who has either a degree in an arts related field or experience in arts and culture.

(b) The Board shall have the following functions:

(1) To assist, advise and make recommendations to the Director of Cultural Services and City Council on arts and culture matters and regarding opportunities to promote awareness, understanding, advocacy, and appreciation for the value of arts and culture in the community. This may include providing assistance, advice and recommendations regarding the following programs, facilities and plans:

- a. Fort Collins Museum of Discovery
- b. The Lincoln Center
- c. Gardens on Spring Creek
- d. Art in Public Places
- e. Cultural Community Programs
- f. Center for Creativity
- g. Cultural Grant Programs
- h. Arts and Culture Masterplan

(2) To support the City's Arts and Culture Masterplan;

(3) To encourage a diverse cross-section of City residents to participate in the City's arts and culture programs and initiatives;

(4) To review proposals for funding from the Cultural Development and Programming Account and the Tourism Programming Account, as requested by the Director of Cultural Services;

(5) To advise and make recommendations to the Cultural Services Department and the City Council regarding works of art funded by or donated to the Art in Public Places program, as required in Chapter 23, Article XII of the City Code, and following the established and published Art in Public Places Guidelines, as defined in Section 23-302.

Section 3. Section 2-145 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended by the addition of a new Subsection (c) which reads in its entirety as follows:

## **Sec. 2-145. - Cultural Resources Board**

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(c) All terms of members of the Board shall terminate April 1, 2026.

Section 4. Effective April 1, 2026, Section 2-145 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins, regarding the Cultural Resources Board, is repealed in its entirety.

Section 5. Effective April 1, 2026, Section 23-302 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended by amending the definition of "*Art in Public Places Board (or APP Board)*" to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-302. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section:

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~~*Art in Public Places Board (or APP Board)* shall mean the Art in Public Places Board, as established and described in Chapter 2, Article III, Division 4, of this Code~~ shall mean the Arts and Culture Board, as established and described in Chapter 2, Article III, Division 3 of this Code.

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Section 6. The definition of *Art in Public Places Coordinator (or APP Coordinator)* contained in Section 23-302 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby deleted in its entirety.

~~*Art in Public Places Coordinator (or APP Coordinator)* shall mean a City staff member designated by the Director of Community Services as the Art in Public Places Coordinator. The Coordinator will serve the APP Board as City staff liaison.~~

Section 7. Section 23-307 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-307. Administration.**

The Director of ~~Community Services~~ the Cultural Services Department shall administer the provisions of this Article in a manner consistent with the APP Guidelines. The guidelines shall provide for the selection of works of art; the placement and presentation of works of art; the maintenance, repair and care of works of art; the payment for works of art; the acceptance of donations of works of art; and such other matters as the Director deems necessary and appropriate. ~~The Director shall designate an APP Coordinator who will serve as staff liaison to the APP Board.~~

Section 8. Section 23-308 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-308. Acquisition of works of art.**

The APP Board shall make recommendations to the City Council concerning the use of funds in excess of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.) for the acquisition, installation and maintenance of works of art. The construction project from which the funds were generated should generally be the site where the funds will be used. However, funds may be expended at other sites when the APP Board determines such expenditure is appropriate based on the considerations set forth in the guidelines. The APP Board may appoint a selection committee to make recommendations to the APP Board concerning the selection of artists, works of art and the placement of works of art. The selection committee may include artists, architects, City representatives and members of the public.

Section 9. Section 23-309 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-309. Acquisition of donated artwork.**

All works of art with a value of three hundred dollars (\$300.) or more donated to the City to be placed in a public area may be accepted only with approval of the APP Board, and all such works with a value of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) or more may be accepted only with approval of the City Council, upon review of such proposed donation and the recommendation of the APP Board. The City shall accept ownership and responsibility for maintenance only of works of art that meet the objectives of the APP Program, and the criteria for works of art and site selection set forth in the APP Guidelines. Funds for the installation and maintenance of donated works of art will be funded by the APP program. Those works of art donated to the Fort Collins Museum for its collection purposes shall be exempt from this process.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on June 3, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on June 17, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Effective Date: June 27, 2025  
Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt  
Exhibits: None