

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PERCENT FOR ART PROGRAM FOR TOWN FUNDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (2025-10-22/O-3)

WEHREAS, the council created the Percent for Public Art Program through ordinance (2002-03-04/O-1); and

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission was disbanded and the Town wishes to clarify and update the guidelines for the Percent for Art program; and

WHEREAS, "Percent for Art" is used instead of "Percent for Public Art" in all other TOCH language (including PFA Resolution) and broadly throughout the public art field to mean public projects, as opposed to "Public Art in Private Development".

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council does hereby establish a program for supporting art in public places as follows:

Section 1. Findings and purposes.

The Town Council does hereby find that:

- (a) Expanding the opportunity for the citizens to experience public art will promote the general welfare of the community; and,
- (b) Providing for art in public places will enhance the aesthetic quality of public buildings and spaces; and,
- (c) Supporting public art will further the objectives of the Town established in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.
- (d) Enhancing the appearance of buildings and spaces provides benefits to the community by expanding the historical, cultural and creative knowledge of citizens.
- (e) Providing art accessible to the public and to the users of Town buildings and parks will improve of the quality of life in Chapel Hill, and more specifically will
 - help define the community's identity and sense of place,
 - promote social interaction and discourse,
 - bring the arts into everyday life and
 - memorialize the past while expressing shared values for the future.

Section 2. Percent for Art Program Established.

A Percent for Art Program is hereby established to help define the community's identity and sense of place, promote social interaction and discourse, bring the arts into everyday life and memorialize the past while expressing shared values for the future.

Section 3. Selection of Sites and Projects for Percent for Art Annually.

The Council shall decide annually which capital budgets shall include 1% or another amount for public art, and on which sites the artwork should be located.

Section 4. Authorization to Commission, Acquire, Maintain and Conserve Art

The Town Council's authorization to commission, acquire, maintain and conserve art shall be consistent with Council adopted policy and shall include input from the public as well as from relevant Town staff.

Section 5. Policies for Implementation of Percent for Art Program by Council.

The Council's Policies for implementation of the Percent for Art Program shall be established by the Council in writing and shall be available upon request.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance replaces in its entirety the previous ordinance (2002-03-04/O-1).

This the 22nd day of October, 2025.