ORDINANCE NO. 72-00

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIOUX FALLS, SD, AMENDING THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY BY ESTABLISHING A VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SIOUX FALLS, SD:

Section 1. That the Revised Ordinances of Sioux Falls, SD, are hereby amended by adding an article to Chapter 32 to read as follows:

Article III. Visual Arts Commission.

Section 32-50. Created.  
A visual arts commission is hereby established.

Section 32-51. Composition.  
The visual arts commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the city council. Membership shall be a diverse mixture of citizen representatives of the community at large including: a member of the board of directors of the Sioux Empire Arts Council at the time of appointment and a practicing visual artist.

Section 32-52. Term of office.  
The appointment of each member of the visual arts commission shall be for a term of three years with three members, as determined by the commission, initially to serve only a two-year term so that there will be an overlapping of terms.

Section 32-53. Compensation; expense.  
All members of the visual arts commission shall serve as such without compensation, except for actual expenses, which shall be subject to approval by the mayor.

Section 32-54. Organization.  
Upon appointment, the visual arts commission shall be called together by the mayor and shall organize by electing a chair from any of its members for a term of one year with eligibility for reelection, and may fill such other of its offices as it may create.

Section 32-55. Meetings; quorum, staff.  
A visual arts commission shall meet at least once each quarter. A majority of the members constitute a quorum. The director of planning and building services or designee shall act as staff to the commission.
Section 32-56. Duties and responsibilities.
The visual arts commission shall act as an advisory body to the mayor and city council on matters pertaining to visual art. Its duties may include:

(1) Developing a general policy for inclusion and approval of visual art in public places and projects.
(2) Establishing criteria for visual art including compatibility with general, social, and physical environment with which the art is to relate, originality, diversity of style, structural design, quality, quantity, scope, scale, material, form, content, and durability.
(3) Recommending visual art projects and identifying potential sites.
(4) Recommending the placement of statues, monuments and memorials in city parks, in or on city property, and public right-of-way.
(5) Encouraging the incorporation of visual art into the design of commercial, residential, and public projects.
(6) Encouraging artists' involvement at the inception of city design and building projects.
(7) Maintaining a directory of the city's inventory of visual art, including receipt annually of the city’s plan for conservation and maintenance of art works.
(8) Reviewing and making recommendations upon all works of art to be acquired by the city, either by purchase, gift, or otherwise.
(9) Educating the community about the value and importance of visual art.
(10) Advising or receiving recommendations from other city boards and commissions on matters involving the visual arts, including aesthetics and beautification.
(11) Serving as the City’s liaison with artists and advising on any proposed alteration, removal, or destruction of visual art projects, statues, monuments, or memorials in city parks or on city property.
(12) Preparing an annual report to the mayor and council on the visual arts. The report may include a plan for future art projects.

Section 32-57. Definitions.
Visual art means a tangible creation by an artist exhibiting skill and aesthetic principles, including, but not limited to, paintings, sculptures, stained glass, engravings, statues, bas-reliefs, carvings, frescoes, mobiles, murals, collages, mosaics, tapestries, photographs, drawings, monuments, and fountains.

Date adopted: 08-14-00.

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Gary Hanson
Mayor

ATTEST:
Dianne Metli
City Clerk