

ORDINANCE NO. 4472

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASCO, ESTABLISHING NEW
PMC CHAPTER 2.135 CREATING AN ARTS AND CULTURE
COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, the sharing of culture through sight, word, dance and music enhances understanding and strengthens community; and

WHEREAS, the Pasco City Council has established goals thoughtfully designed to enhance the quality of life, connectivity and community identity among Pasco residents in part through cultural and social opportunities; and

WHEREAS, public art enriches publicly owned places, and contributes a sense of ownership and community pride in public facilities and spaces for City residents; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Arts and Culture Commission will assist in the promotion, retention and acquisition of public arts in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Arts and Culture Commission will act as the City's representative in connection with cultural and artistic endeavors involving the City, as well as serve as a point of contact for such endeavors with the public; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASCO, WASHINGTON, DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That a new Chapter entitled "Arts and Culture Commission" of the Pasco Municipal Code shall be and hereby enacted and which shall read as follows:

Chapter 2.135
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Sections:

- 2.135.010 Establishment.
- 2.135.020 Membership.
- 2.135.030 Term of Office.
- 2.135.040 Powers and Duties.
- 2.135.050 Compensation.
- 2.135.060 Bylaws and Officers.
- 2.135.070 Staff Support.

2.135.010 ESTABLISHMENT.

There is hereby established an Arts and Culture Commission for the City of Pasco, which shall advise the City Council on matters relating to public art and culture, including review and evaluation on matters pertaining to the acceptance, procurement, placement and maintenance of public art; and which shall perform such other functions as the City's primary resource in matters of public art.

2.135.020 MEMBERSHIP

The Arts and Culture Commission shall consist of seven members. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. When making appointments, City Council will strive to appoint individuals with multiple skills, experience and expertise from various disciplines applicable to the commission's purpose.

Membership shall be comprised with the following:

- (1) Three (3) Art professionals to include professions such as art directors, educators, managers/administrators, dealers and/or individuals enrolled in higher education art programs.
- (2) One (1) Artist including but not limited to: painting, sculpture, music, literature, architecture, and performing arts. Member is required to live, work, or own business within Pasco city limits.
- (3) Two (2) Community members to include persons of public agencies, organizations enhancing Pasco's quality of life or, persons working outside of professional practice in the arts but who demonstrate a deep interest in and understanding of public art activities. Member is required to live, work, or own business within Pasco city limits.
- (4) One (1) Youth representative between the ages of 15 to 20 years old at the time of appointment, nexus to Pasco is required.

2.135.030 TERM OF OFFICE

The members shall serve for terms of four years, expiring in even years. To ensure continuity of Arts and Culture Commission, positions will be staggered with the exception of youth member which shall expire every even year.

2.135.040 POWERS AND DUTIES

The Arts and Culture Commission shall perform the following functions:

- (1) Serve as the central commission to whom individuals and groups may bring their ideas with regard to arts and culture.
- (2) Advise City Council on code recommendations to enhance art and culture.

- (3) Establish policy for acquiring, maintaining, displaying/placement, and maintenance of City's public art.
- (4) Advise City staff on the receipt of and/or purchase of artwork to be placed on municipal property.
- (5) Explore and recommend methods of obtaining financial support through development of private, local, state and federal funds and establishing public/private partnerships to promote art and culture within the community. Commission shall not incur any indebtedness on behalf of City.
- (6) Initiate and maintain the City of Pasco Public Art roster.
- (7) Establish standards related to art and culture programs and serve as review panel for program applications.
- (8) Participate in, promote and conduct public information and educational programs pertaining to public art and culture.
- (9) Perform other related functions assigned to the Commission by the Pasco City Council or the City Manager.
- (10) Act as a catalyst to bring government, arts and culture, and private sectors together for public benefit.

2.135.050 COMPENSATION

All members shall serve without compensation.

2.135.060 BYLAWS AND OFFICERS

The Arts and Culture Commission shall establish and adopt its own bylaws of procedure, and shall select from among its membership a chairperson and such other officers as may be necessary to conduct the Commission's business.

2.135.070 STAFF SUPPORT

A staff member appointed by the City Manager shall be the staff liaison officer for the Commission and, in this capacity, shall represent the day-to-day interests of the City as they relate to the business of the Arts and Culture Commission.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take full force and effect five (5) days after approval, passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Pasco, this 18th day of November, 2019.



Matt Watkins
Mayor

ATTEST:



Debra Barham
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric Ferguson
City Attorney