

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, DESIGNATING A CREATIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH AND AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT.

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WHEREAS, RCW 43.46.105 authorizes local governments to designate a Creative District within its territorial boundaries, subject to certification by the Washington State Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, a Creative District is a geographically defined area where art, culture, social and economic activity takes place and where cultural facilities, creative industries and arts-related businesses are a vibrant hub for the community; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of a state-certified Creative District include; promoting, the City's unique identity and values; increasing tourism; growing creative industry jobs and career opportunities; being able to pursue grant opportunities related to the creative industry; preserving and improving historic community assets; and enhancing the City's livability; and

WHEREAS, the City's Cultural and Business District and surrounding areas contain a strong concentration of the City's cultural assets, businesses and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Certified Creative District Program aligns with goals of the City's Cultural Element of the Comprehensive Plan; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

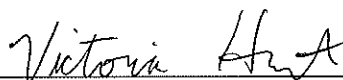
Section 1. Creative District Boundaries. That the area shown on the attached Exhibit A, which encompasses the City's Cultural and Business District and surrounding areas, is hereby designated as the City of Issaquah Creative District, subject to the certification by the Washington State Arts Commission.

Section 2. Creative District Application. That the Administration is authorized to petition the Washington State Arts Commission for certification of the Creative District and to execute on behalf of the City of Issaquah any documents necessary for state certification of the Creative District.

Section 3. Creative District Promotion. That the Creative District shall promote the exploration of and participation in the creative economy and arts and cultural experiences unique to Issaquah's community; and that businesses and property owners within the Creative District are encouraged to involve themselves and participate in the full development of the Creative District.

Section 4. Creative District Participation. That administration is authorized to direct staff to actively support and cooperate with the Creative District Steering Committee to develop, maintain and encourage the economic and arts and culture activities in the Creative District.

PASSED by the City Council this 2nd day of March 2020.

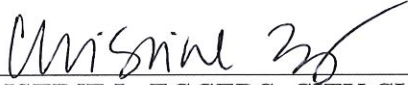
  
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VICTORIA HUNT, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED by the Mayor this 2nd day of March 2020.



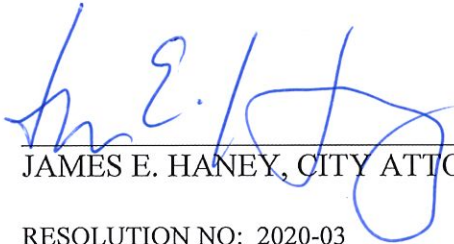
MARY LOU PAULY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CHRISTINE L. EGGERS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JAMES E. HANEY, CITY ATTORNEY

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**Exhibit A: Creative District Boundaries**

