

RESOLUTION 26-27

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF ASTORIA ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that arts and culture contribute significantly to community identity, education, historic preservation, tourism, economic vitality, and quality of life within the City of Astoria; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that creation of a standing advisory commission will promote coordinated public engagement, and informed recommendations, and coordinated planning regarding arts and cultural initiatives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ASTORIA:

Section 1. Establishment

There is hereby established the City of Astoria Arts & Culture Advisory Commission ('Commission'), which shall serve as an advisory body to the City Council.

Section 2. Purpose

The Commission shall:

- Advise the City Council on arts and culture policy;
- Serve as the City's liaison to the arts and culture community;

Section 3. Membership

The Commission shall consist of five (5) voting members. Voting Members shall serve staggered three-year terms, with two initial two-year terms and three initial three-year terms. Voting members must be an Astoria resident.

The Commission can appoint no more than three *Ex officio* advisory members to serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Ex officio advisory members provide policy advise to the Commission and do not vote. All Ex officio advisory members shall serve three-year terms with no residency requirement.

Appointments should, to the extent practicable, reflect the diversity of the Astoria community and its arts and cultural sectors. Voting members shall collectively possess experience or demonstrated interest in one or more of the following:

- Visual, performing, literary, or digital arts;
- Arts administration;
- Emerging arts;
- Historic preservation;
- Architecture, design, or public spaces;

Ex officio advisory members may additionally possess experience or demonstrated interest in one or more of the following:

- Tourism or hospitality;
- Education;
- Community engagement or nonprofit leadership.

Section 5. Meetings

The Commission shall meet at least quarterly or more frequently as necessary.

Section 6. Duties and Responsibilities

The Commission shall serve as a central forum for communication, shared planning, and collaboration—ensuring that artists, organizations, creative businesses, and cultural partners have a structured, consistent opportunity to engage with the City. Duties and responsibilities shall include:

- Administer designated art and culture programs, projects and initiatives for the purpose of promoting or enhancing the arts and culture in Astoria to include:
 - a) Review matters referred to by the City Council.
 - b) Oversee or advise on Council-designated programs,
 - c) Review proposals for public art on City property and make recommendations.
 - d) Encourage partnerships among artists, nonprofits, schools, businesses, neighborhood organizations, tourism organizations, and governmental agencies.
 - e) Identify grant opportunities and, if authorized, recommend awards under City arts grant programs.
 - f) Perform additional duties assigned by the City Council.
- Assist in the advancement and periodic review Astoria's long-range Arts & Culture Strategic Plan to include:
 - a) Develop, periodically update, and recommend to the City Council a strategic plan for the advancement of arts, culture, and heritage within the City, and monitor implementation of arts related Council-approved goals and priorities.

Section 8. Authority

The Commission is advisory only and shall not establish City policy, bind the City by contract, expend City funds except as authorized, or direct City employees.

Section 9. Staff Support

The City Manager shall designate staff to provide administrative and technical assistance, subject to available resources.

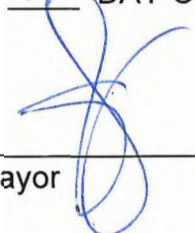
Section 10. Rules of Procedure

The Commission shall annually elect a Chair and Vice Chair, follow Oregon law, the Astoria City Charter, the Astoria Municipal Code, City policies, and the Volunteer Boards & Commission Handbook.

Section 11. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY ^{Council} ~~COUNCIL~~ THIS 17 DAY OF August 2026.
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Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager

ROLL CALL ON ADOPTION

YEA NAY ABSENT

Councilor Davis
 Mazzarella
 Adams
 Conklin
Mayor Fitzpatrick

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