

**Item Title:** Approval of Public Art Ordinance

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners approves a Public Art Ordinance for Wake County.**

**Item Summary:**

At the November 14, 2017 Board of Commissioners Work Session, a proposal for a one (1) percent for public art ordinance was shared with the commissioners in response to a request from Commissioner Hutchinson.

The proposed ordinance would establish funding for public art in certain county capital projects estimated to cost \$1 million or more that provide significant general public access such as libraries, parks, greenways and certain other facilities to be authorized by the Board of Commissioners shall be eligible for funding. This ordinance would not apply to capital improvement projects of the Wake County Public School System or the Wake Technical Community College.

This proposed effective date of the ordinance is July 1, 2017 to coincide with the commencement of the fiscal year 2018 capital improvement budget. The ordinance calls for that within one hundred eight (180) days of adoption of the ordinance the County Manager shall cause to be created an administrative policy to guide the implementation of this ordinance.

The purpose of the policy will be to define the process for acquiring public art that is commissioned for Wake County owned facilities or donated as part of the Public Art program. The policy will detail the selection process, funding, staff responsibilities for acquiring, maintaining and deaccessioning of public art. Components of the policy may include but not be limited to:

1. Public Art Covered by the Policy
  - a. Acquired with County funds
  - b. Acquired through Donation
2. Funding
  - a. Use of bond funds
  - b. Partnerships with Municipalities
  - c. Non-profit sources
  - d. Leverage of private investment
  - e. New construction / major renovations
3. Public Art Sites
4. Eligible Public Art Projects
  - a. Commissioning of permanent works
  - b. Loan, purchase or donation of art works
  - c. Architectural or landscape elements

5. Art and Artist Selection Criteria and Process
  - a. Community Involvement
  - b. Municipality Involvement
6. Program Administration
  - a. Art Installation
  - b. Art Ownership and Copyright
  - c. Program and Collection Management
  - d. Maintenance
  - e. Accessioning and Deaccessioning of Public Art

Utilizing the fiscal year 2017 to 2023 Capital Improvement Plan, approximately \$50 million of projects would qualify for a total increase in project costs of \$500,000.

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation
2. Proposed Public Art Ordinance