

**NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DURHAM**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC ART PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Durham Board of County Commissioners finds a Public Art Program is important to a County because it brings social, cultural and economic benefits to the public and visitors to the County, fostering a strong, diverse, and cultural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Durham Board of County Commissioners wishes to create and establish a program which will enhance the recreational and cultural environment in the County by incorporating the work of artists into the County's capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County Strategic Plan outlines a goal of community empowerment and enrichment, which includes cultural opportunities as an objective to foster a strong, diverse artistic and cultural environment, and encourage local emerging artists through active outreach and mentoring. Durham County understands that cultural opportunities not only lead to an increased sense of community and a better understanding of the world, but they also are powerful economic drivers that spur local growth and make the community a more attractive place to live, visit, and do business; and

WHEREAS, approximately five hundred state, county and municipal public art programs have been adopted in the United States, including programs in the City of Durham, Raleigh, Cary, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, and other North Carolina cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, in support of a full creative life for all, Durham County, North Carolina commits to championing public art policies and practices of cultural equity that empower a just, inclusive, equitable community; and

WHEREAS, a stable and predictable source of funding for public art projects and this statement is deleted - funding will be unpredictable a transparent system for administering a public art process in the selection of works can support the goal of increasing the quantity of diverse public art throughout the County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby resolve to establish a public art program to encourage and fund public art projects in Durham County.

**Funding:** Each fiscal year, the County Manager shall recommend a minimum of up to one percent of the proposed General Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget, to be set aside in a Project Fund for Public Art, for the installation of public art at the sites of major capital projects included in the CIP, for projects in the priority areas for public art or for such other locations as the County Manager may determine.

**Project Fund for Public Art:** The Project Fund for Public Art shall be used to commission works of art for permanent installation at sites required by the Durham City and County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), approved by the Durham Board of County Commissioners in the Durham County Public Art Program Work Plan, at other locations determined by the County Manager, to fund maintenance and repair of existing public art works, or to fund temporary

installation of works of art. Funds may be used for direct costs and for the costs of administration of projects.

**Priorities:** For projects funded from the Project Fund for Public Art, priority shall be given to projects identified in the Durham County Public Art Program Work Plan. This priority does not preclude projects in other areas of the County.

**Administrative Structure:** By this Resolution, County Commissioners delegate to the County Manager the administration of the Public Art Program and the authority to identify a Public Art Coordinator. The administration shall develop and maintain detailed procedures, informational material and application documents for the administration of the public art process, to be known as the Durham County Public Art Program.

**Project Administration:** The County Commissioners shall appoint two of the fifteen Durham Cultural Advisory Board (CAB) members, as defined in the City of Durham's Public Art Policy Resolution. The CAB advises the City and County on matters pertaining to Public Art, advocates for public art and culture in Durham, and appoints members of the Durham Public Art Committee to serve as art advisors. The designated Durham County Public Art Coordinator, in concert with the Durham Cultural Advisory Board and Durham Public Art Committee, shall execute the requirements of the approved Durham County Resolution Establishing a Public Art Program and Public Art Program Manual.

**Effective Date:** The Public Art Program in this Resolution shall take effect upon the approval of this Resolution.

This the [DAY] day of [MONTH], [YEAR].

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