

CHAPTER 13
ARTICLE II

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AN ARTS COMMISSION CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE II

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR:

Chapter 13, Article II, of the *Windsor Code* is enacted as follows:

Section 1. Article is enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 13-2. Membership

There is hereby created an Arts Commission for the Town of Windsor. This commission shall be composed of seven (7) members and two (2) alternates to be appointed by the Town Council.

Sec. 13-3. Appointment & Terms

Each member and alternate member shall be appointed by the Town Council to serve a term of three (3) years. In the event no successor member is appointed on the expiration of any term, the term shall automatically be extended until that member's successor is appointed and qualified.

Sec. 13-4. Filing vacancies, removing members

The Town Council shall fill vacancies in the membership of the commission in the same manner as provided in Section 6-1 of the *Town Charter* for filling vacancies and may remove any member in the manner provided in Section 6-3 of the *Town Charter*. Failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings shall constitute a cause of removal.

Sec. 13-5. Organization and Procedure

The commission shall choose from its members a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary. It shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report to the Town Council.

Sec. 13-6. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on a quarterly basis. Regular meetings shall be held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act at such a time and date is determined by the Commission.

Sec. 13-7. Commission on Arts shall have the following powers and duties;

- (1) Work with town staff, businesses, schools, and other stakeholders to identify opportunities for the arts community.
- (2) Partner with and/or support local artists and arts organizations.
- (3) Support education in the arts.
- (4) Increase public awareness, collaboration, education, and enjoyment of the arts in the community.

- (5) Shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Council on matters related to arts and culture. Recommendations shall not bind the Town to take any specific action or require that it appropriate funds.
- (6) The commission shall provide a report with recommendations to the Town Council and provide any reports as necessary and upon request.
- (7) Such other duties as assigned by Council.

Section 2. Savings Clause. The enactment of this Ordinance shall not operate as an abatement of any action or proceeding previously taken, now pending, or taken prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. All said actions and proceedings are hereby ratified to be continued.

Section 3. Severability. All provisions of the *Town Code* in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and that if for any reason, any word, clause, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be held to make the same unconstitutional, this Ordinance shall not hereby be invalidated and the remainder of the Ordinance shall continue in effect. Any provision herein which is in conflict with the *Connecticut General Statutes* is hereby repealed, it being understood that said statute shall take precedence over this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in a newspaper having a circulation in Windsor.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Attorney

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

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