



City of Apache Junction

Development Services Department



Staff Memorandum

DATE: August 13, 2019

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: Larry Kirch, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: Updates to AM 1-19 - Presentation and Discussion on Public Art Ordinances

BACKGROUND

This item was on the July 2nd agenda for a brief introduction and on the July 23rd agenda for a more in-depth review. At the July 23rd meeting, Commissioners asked for copies of art in private development ordinances from other cities. Staff researched other communities and found that Chandler, Surprise, Glendale, Oro Valley, Tempe, Peoria, Sedona, Scottsdale, and Phoenix have arts ordinances. Mesa does not currently have an arts ordinance. A spreadsheet is attached that outlines what other Arizona cities are doing with public art as part of the building permit process and for municipal capital improvement projects along with a link to their ordinance if available. Also, commissioners had opinions on the qualifications to be considered an “artist.” Staff continues to recommend the language that was provided to the city by its consultant Dianne Cripe of Artspace6.

This item is scheduled for a Public Hearing on August 27th at the Planning and Zoning Commission and will be presented to the city Council on September 3rd and again on September 17th for a Public Hearing and final adoption. The council hopes to appoint commission members in October.