



# *City of Apache Junction*

## *Development Services Department*



**DATE:** August 13, 2019

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Bryant Powell, City Manager  
Joel Stern, City Attorney  
Larry Kirch, Development Services Director

**FROM:** Heather Patel, Program and Resource Manager

**SUBJECT:** Presentation and Discussion on Public Art Ordinances

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### **BACKGROUND**

On October 15, 2018, the city council received a presentation from Dianne Cripe with Artspace 6 LLC Art Advisory Services. Mrs. Cripe is a public art consultant and her presentation included the definition of public art, public art goals in a community, what a program may look like, and the process of selecting a public artist. Based upon the interest of the council, on December 3, 2018, staff shared with the city council information about public art; how the city may move forward with public art; what other communities are doing; establishing an authority e.g. public art commission, a council sub-committee, or a city manager appointed group; and the next steps. On December 4, 2018 direction was given to staff to establish a Public Art Commission.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Development Services staff presented information to the Mayor and City Council on public art and creating a series of ordinances for the establishment of a public art commission, setting fees for public art and amending the zoning code to include art in the development review process. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor and Council provided direction to staff to begin drafting the various ordinances.

The following City Code changes will ultimately be considered by the Mayor and council:

1. Vol. I, Chapter 2, Mayor, Council, and Appointed Boards and Commissions: Ordinance creating a Public Art Commission.
2. Vol. I, Chapter 4, Fees: Ordinance establishing fees/funding mechanism.
3. Vol. II, Chapter 1: Zoning Code: Require art in private development and public capital improvement projects.

The proposed schedule for final public art implementation:

August 2019	P&Z Commission review, consideration, and public hearing.
September 3, 2019	Council review and consideration.
September 17, 2019	Public Hearing.
November 2019	Commission seated by council.
January 2020	Public art fees begin.