

Adoption of required updates to Arts Commission Bylaws

Request of the Arts Commission

ACTION



DIRECTION



INFORMATION ONLY



The Arts Commission will vote on adoption updated Bylaws.

Policy Issues

Chapter 3.56 of the Bellevue City Code (BCC) governs the Arts Commission. BCC 3.56.050 provides: "The commission shall adopt bylaws and procedures not inconsistent with any requirements established in the Bellevue City Code for the conduct of its meetings and hearings, setting of times of hearings, and giving of notice to the public."

On August 7, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance 6752 amending the Code provisions for all the Council's advisory boards and commissions, including Chapter 3.56 BCC. The code amendments provide more flexibility for remote participation by board and commission members. They also incorporated new rules of decorum for public comment at board and commission meetings, similar to new rules the Council adopted for its meetings.

The updated Bylaws presented for a vote tonight include two key updates:

- Amending the remote participation rules (Art. V Sec. G) as required to conform with Ordinance 6752 and BCC 3.56.030.E; and
- Amending the rules of decorum for public comment (Art. VII Sec. E) as required to conform with Ordinance 6752 and BCC 3.56.030.F.

Background

At the December 6th Commission meeting, staff presented an overview of Ordinance 6752 which amends the Code for the Council's advisory boards and commissions regarding (1) the rules for remote participation by board and commission members and (2) the rules of decorum for public comment. Due to this Ordinance and resulting changes to Chapter 3.56 BCC, the Arts Commission is required to update sections of its bylaws as tracked in **Attachment A**.

Following discussion on its December 6th meeting, the Commission directed staff to bring back the updated Bylaws for final action to vote on adoption at the Commission's next regular meeting. Adoption of the updated Bylaws will require two-thirds of the membership to vote in favor. Following adoption, the updated Planning Commission's Bylaws will comply with the remote participation and public participation requirements in Ordinance 6752 and with BCC 3.56.030.E and F. The final updated Commission Bylaws are included as **Attachment B**.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends adopting the updated Bylaws.

Options

Option 1: Adopt the updated Arts Commission Bylaws.

Option 2: Do not adopt the updated Arts Commission Bylaws and provide alternative direction.

Next Steps

If adopted, the Commission's bylaws will be in conformance with Ordinance 6752 and BCC 3.56.030.E and F.

Attachments

- A. Updated Arts Commission Bylaws (for adoption)
- B. Redline Arts Commission Bylaws

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