

ORDINANCE NO. 1797

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PORTERVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A  
OF THE PORTERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING  
THE FORMATION OF AN ARTS COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Code Amendment.** Chapter 5A of the Porterville Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 5A  
ARTICLE I**

**Section 5A-1 Established.**

An Arts Commission is established in and for the City of Porterville. The Arts Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

**Section 5A-2 Composition.**

The Arts Commission shall consist of up to 11 members. Commissioners shall be appointed by the City Council at its complete discretion. Members of the commission shall represent four areas of arts: 1) theatrical/performing arts; 2) visual/graphic; 3) music; (4) youth, with final approval by the City Council.

**Section 5A-3 Compensation.**

Members of the Arts Commission shall serve without compensation.

**Section 5A-4 Term of Office/Removal.**

The term of office shall be three (3) years with terms staggered to prevent concurrent expiration of terms with the exception of the youth representative. No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The term of the student/youth commissioner shall be one (1) year.

All Commission members shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed by a majority vote of the City Council at any time and for any reason.

**Section 5A-5 Vacancies.**

Vacancies, occurring otherwise than by expiration of the terms, shall be filled by appointment as in the first instance (by either direct appointment by the City Council or appointment by the Council via Subcommittee/Commission recommendation) as soon as possible; such appointee to serve for the unexpired term of the vacant office.

**Section 5A-6 Meetings and Records.**

The Arts Commission shall hold meetings regularly as determined by the Commission and shall designate the time and place thereof. The meetings shall be held in compliance with the Brown Act and all applicable laws, and the meetings and records of attendance shall be public. The Commission shall keep a record of its proceedings. A record of attendance shall be kept regularly and reported to the "City Council at least one time per year. Members are expected to have 75% attendance based on the Commission's regular meeting schedule (e.g. 9 out of 12 meetings if held monthly, and 3 out of 4 if held quarterly). Members who fail to meet the attendance requirement automatically vacate their seat and the vacancies shall be filled per Section 5A-5.

**Section 5A-7 Quorum.**

A presence of a majority of the members of the established number of commissioners, as set via Resolution of the City Council, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (i.e. at least 4, as many as 6).

**Section 5A-8 General Powers and Duties of Commission.**

The Arts Commission shall:

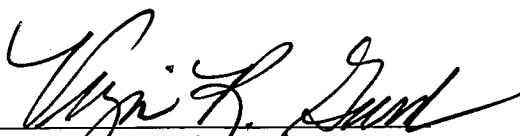
- A. Make recommendations to the City Council regarding development and promotion of practices and policies pertaining to the Arts, keeping in mind the adoption of policy is the prerogative of the City Council.
- B. Foster the development and enjoyment of visual, cultural, performing, and other arts in the City of Porterville.
- C. To work cooperatively with city entities and other advisory commissions to include an Arts element in as many areas of city planning and development as possible.
- D. Develop and submit a Work Plan to the Council on an annual basis detailing the goals and objectives of the Arts Commission over the next year, five years and/or twenty years.

**Section 2. Severity.** Should any provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable or otherwise void, that determination shall have no effect on any other provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any other person or circumstance and, to that end, the provisions hereof are severable.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after adoption as provided by Porterville Charter Section 12.

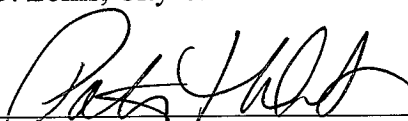
**Section 4. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

  
Virginia R. Gurrola, Mayor

ATTEST:

John D. Lollis, City Clerk

By   
Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk

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 CITY OF PORTERVILLE ) (SS)  
 COUNTY OF TULARE )

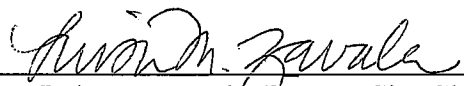
I, JOHN D. LOLLIS, the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Porterville do hereby certify:

THAT the foregoing ordinance is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 1797, passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Porterville at a regular meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013, that said ordinance has been duly published pursuant to law, and that by the terms and provisions of the Charter of the City of Porterville, said ordinance to become effective September 19, 2013, at which time said ordinance is deemed to be in full force and effect.

THAT said ordinance was introduced by Council and the same was duly passed and adopted by the following vote:

| COUNCIL: | WARD | McCRACKEN | GURROLA | SHELTON | HAMILTON |
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| AYES:    | X    | X         | X       | X       | X        |
| NOES:    |      |           |         |         |          |
| ABSTAIN: |      |           |         |         |          |
| ABSENT:  |      |           |         |         |          |

JOHN D. LOLLIS, City Clerk

  
 By: Luisa M. Zavala, Deputy City Clerk