

# **BYLAWS OF THE**

## **CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS ARTS COMMISSION**

New Braunfels, Texas

### **ARTICLE I**

Name

The name of this organization shall be The New Braunfels Arts Commission

### **ARTICLE II**

Object (or Purpose)

The object (purpose) of this organization shall be to: To serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters related to the arts activities, events and projects that will benefit the citizens of the City. The Commission shall advise the City Council on uses of funding that may be available from private and/or public sources that will benefit any local arts activity, project or organization serving the citizens of the City; such advice and/or recommendations on uses of funds shall not be restricted in any manner except by law.

### **ARTICLE III**

Members

#### *Section 1. Appointments*

The New Braunfels Arts Commission shall be composed of seven (7) citizens of the City, who are interested in the encouragement, promotion, improvement and application of the arts, including instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms. Such commission shall be composed of seven citizens of the city who are interested in arts such as theatre, music, dance, painting sculpture and similar activities, which shall not include any current paid employees or board members of any organization that requests funding from the New Braunfels Arts Commission. Such commission shall consist of seven members, no more than three of whom shall be chosen from a list of names submitted by the Greater New Braunfels Arts Council, with appointments being made by the city council so that the term of each member of such commission shall be for three years, staggered so that no more than three members shall be appointed each year. Unexpired terms shall be filled by the City Council.

*Section 2. Resignations*

Any member resigning shall submit a letter of resignation to the City Secretary's Office and shall thereby be removed from the Commission upon receipt.

*Section 3. Absenteeism*

A Commission member shall be assumed to have resigned the commission member's position, thereby forfeiting the commission member's unexpired term of office if, during the calendar year, the commission member is absent three (3) consecutive times or a total of four (4) times including special meetings, provided at least five (5) days' notice has been given for the special meeting(s).

**ARTICLE IV**

**Officers**

A chairperson, and vice-chairperson shall be elected by the membership of the organization at the annual meeting, to serve a one-year term.

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No member may hold more than one office at a time.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Commission and shall be a voting member, shall appoint special and standing committee chairpersons, and shall have the authority to appoint special committees as deemed necessary by the membership. The chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, without vote.

The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the chairperson as needed and shall serve as the presiding officer in the absence of the chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall have the right to vote on all issues that come before the membership.

Any vacancy in an office shall be filled by election of the Commission at its next regular or special meeting.

**ARTICLE V**

**Meetings**

*Section 1.* The regular meeting of the Commission shall be held in December of each year unless it is determined by the chairperson that a specific meeting date and time must be changed due to the weather, lack of a quorum or some other sufficient reason. The Commission has the authority to change the meeting day and date by a majority vote of those present and voting when a quorum is present.

*Section 2.* The Commission is empowered to hold and conduct public meetings, which must be open to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

*Section 3.* The Commission or the Chairperson shall have the authority to call special meetings with at least five (5) days' notice to all members. Only the business specified in the call of the meeting may be discussed.

*Section 4.* A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE VI**  
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Commission in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, any special rules, the City Charter, or State law.

**ARTICLE VII**  
Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the commission, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting with a quorum in attendance, provided at least five (5) days notice has been given to all members. Amendments made to Article III must be approved by the City Council following the recommendation of the commission.

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