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AN ORDINANCE CREATING AN ARTS RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the artists and artistic institutions of El Paso substantially enhance the quality of life of the citizens of El Paso, contributing to and providing cultural, educational, entertainment, recreational and commercial benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Arts Resources Department of the City of El Paso to promote and encourage the arts and to further the development and awareness of and interest in the fine and performing arts is deemed essential to the community welfare;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. There is hereby established an Arts Resources Department which may be referred to as the ARD, in the City of El Paso to assist the Mayor and City Council with the encouragement, promotion, coordination and improvement of the arts, including music (both instrumental and vocal), dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, television, radio, tape and sound recording, and the arts related to the presentation, performance, execution and exhibition of these major art forms, any other recognized forms of the arts, and for historical preservation and restoration (hereinafter referred to collectively as the Arts). The Director of the Department of Arts Resources shall be the head of the department.

2. To accomplish the above-outlined purposes, the ARD will collect, compile and disseminate to the public information such as schedules of events relating to the arts and legislation affecting the arts. Additionally, ARD will cooperate with all governmental entities, civic organizations and public and private agencies in an effort to advance art activities. To further the

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development of the arts, and to advance the public awareness of and interest in the arts, the ARD may initiate, sponsor or cosponsor community arts programs open to all residents of the City of El Paso. Also, the ARD will promote mutual good will between the City of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez by encouraging and developing international art-related activities ARD additionally will take such other actions as may be needed to carry out its purposes.

3. Such department shall be advised by a board to be known as the Arts Resources Board, consisting of fifteen (15) members to be appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Each member shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years except those original appointees of the Board. So that their terms of appointment may be staggered, the original appointees shall be appointed in the following manner:

(a) Five of the initial members shall be appointed for a term ending May 31, 1979;

(b) Five shall be appointed for a term ending May 31, 1980;

(c) Five shall be appointed for a term ending May 31, 1981.

Thereafter, the successors shall be appointed for three-year terms, each commencing on the specified expiration date of the term of his immediate predecessor. Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

All members shall have an interest, knowledge or experience in one or more of the art forms above listed, or in arts in general. Council consideration of Board membership shall attempt to cover various art forms.

Any appointed member of the Board who fails to attend three consecutive regular or called meetings of the Board or fails to attend at least eighty per cent (80%) of all such regular or called meetings during any six-month period shall

lose membership on the Board, unless such failure to attend was the result of illness. Verification of attendance shall be based exclusively on the minutes of each meeting. Any vacancy pursuant to this section shall be filled by the Mayor and City Council.

In addition to the members appointed by the City Council, the following persons or their designate shall sit on the Board as ex-officio members:

- (a) The Alderman designated by the Mayor to represent ARD;
- (b) The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department;
- (c) The Director of the Civic Center;
- (d) The Director of the Tourism and Convention Bureau.

The ex-officio members shall not have voting power nor shall be counted as part of a quorum, but shall assist the Board in its various functions.

Upon recommendation of the Board, the City Council may draw on the knowledge, experience, and expertise of any person in the community by appointing such person to the Arts Resources Board as a special advisor, without voting privileges.

The Board shall select from among its members a chairman and a vice chairman, and the Board shall adopt rules and regulations for the government of its own proceedings to carry out the purposes for which this Board is created, not inconsistent with the charter and ordinances of the City of El Paso. The Board shall hold regular meetings, at least on a monthly basis, and keep a written record of its proceedings. Members of the Board, other than ex-officio members, shall not hold any public offices of honor, trust, or profit in the government of the city or county during their term of office. Members shall receive no compensation and shall have advisory powers only.

The Director of the ARD shall serve as secretary to the Board, without additional compensation, and shall keep a

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record of all transactions of the Board and provide it with all information necessary to perform its duties.

The Board shall perform the following duties:

(a) Act in a general advisory capacity in regard to all purposes and functions of the ARD:

(b) Once each year the Board, in cooperation with the Director of the ARD, shall make a complete and thorough survey of the artistic activities carried on by the City, either alone or in conjunction with other public or private agencies, and shall report its findings to the City Council, together with any recommendations it deems proper that are consistent with the purposes of this department;

(c) The Board shall at all times seek to promote close cooperation between the City and all private citizens, institutions, agencies, and governmental entities interested or active in the encouragement, promotion, coordination and improvement of the arts. The Board shall call to the attention of the Director of the department any failure it sees by personnel to carry out the goals and purposes of the department.

4. The Arts Resources Department will contain such appropriate positions and will be provided such adequate budget as are necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of the department.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1978.

ATTEST:

W. Reges  
City Clerk

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Mayor  
Pro-Tem

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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