



ORDINANCE NO. 28480

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Tacoma Arts Commission; amending
2 Section 1.28A.040 of the Tacoma Municipal Code to revise the composition
3 of members for the purpose of allowing for a broader body of Tacoma
citizens to serve on the commission.

4 WHEREAS the Tacoma Arts Commission (“Commission”) is composed of
5 15 members, and

6 WHEREAS Tacoma Municipal Code 1.28A.040 provides for the
7 composition of the Commission, as follows: one working professional artist
8 position, one position from the Tacoma public education community, one
9 position representing the Cross District Association or Community Council, four
10 professional positions, and eight At-Large positions, and

11 WHEREAS appointments to the Tacoma Arts Commission are made
12 annually, and if no qualified candidates are found for designated seats, those
13 positions remain unfilled, and

14 WHEREAS the Cross District Association or Community Council seat is
15 unduly restrictive, allowing only a narrowly defined pool of people to be
16 considered and thus preventing this seat from being filled expeditiously, and

17 WHEREAS the Commission, at its November 13, 2017 meeting,
18 recommended the removal of the Cross District Association or Community Council
19 seat, to be replaced with one additional At-Large position; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That Chapter 1.28A of the Tacoma Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

**Chapter 1.28A
Tacoma Arts Commission**

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1.28A.040 Composition of the Tacoma Arts Commission.

All members of the Tacoma Arts Commission shall have a demonstrated interest and familiarity with arts and culture, either through professional practice or volunteer work, and shall be residents within the boundaries of the City.

The Tacoma Arts Commission shall consist of 15 members who represent the following:

- A. A working professional artist.
- B. A person working in the Tacoma public education community.
- ~~C. A person representing the Cross-District Association or Community Council.~~

DC. Professional Positions: In addition to the above, the Tacoma Arts Commission shall always include a minimum of four individuals who have had professional experience or training related to the arts, originating from employment or study within the following disciplines: arts or art history, arts administration, architecture, art criticism, art education, curation, conservation, heritage arts, literature, music, new media, performing arts, public art, visual arts, or a related field. These positions shall be named Professional Positions 1 through 4.

ED. At-Large Positions: The remaining positions may be filled at-large from persons representative of acknowledged accomplishment or persons working outside of professional practice in the arts but who demonstrate a deep interest in and appreciation of cultural and artistic activities. These shall be referred to as At-Large Positions 1 through ~~8~~.

FE. The provisions of this chapter and Subchapter 1.28A.050 shall be enforced as vacancies occur, following the adoption of this legislation.

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