

**CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
SF-2024-03

**WHEREAS**, as Mayor of the City of Carmel, Indiana (“Carmel” or “City”), and pursuant to Indiana Code 36-4-5-3, I am responsible for the enforcement of City ordinances and State statutes within the corporate boundaries of Carmel; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmel is nationally-known for its public art installations and performing arts organizations, both of which are considerable economic drivers for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmel will benefit from an art advisory commission with a purpose to advise the Mayor on 1) the distribution of budgeted funds to qualified nonprofit arts organizations, 2) the acquisition and installation locations of public art, and 3) arts programming in the City; and

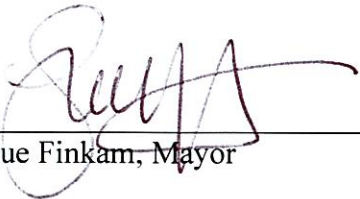
**WHEREAS**, Executive Order SF-2024-01 was promulgated with the foregoing in mind.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Carmel, Indiana, I, Sue Finkam, do hereby declare and order that, Executive Order SF-2024-01 is amended and the following shall be effective on and after February 20, 2024:

- (1) There shall be established a “Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Arts.”
- (2) The mission of the Commission shall be to
  - a. Review annual arts grant applications and recommend funding to qualified, local nonprofit arts organizations, within an approved budget.
  - b. Develop a Master Plan for Public Art.
  - c. Work with City departments and City art consultants to determine appropriate acquisitions and locations for public art, within an approved budget.
  - d. Provide feedback on arts programming to ensure Carmel remains a vibrant, arts-focused community.
  - e. Receive and report input from the community on City’s public art acquisitions and performing art programming.
- (3) Public art shall mean any work of art in any media, irrespective of where it is situated in the City or who sees it, that the City acquires or plans to acquire by any legal means. It does not include the purchase of technological equipment used to display content that could be construed as art, including television or projection screens, speakers, projection systems, etc.
- (4) The Commission shall consist of a volunteer body of up to seven (7) members, four (4) appointed by the Mayor and three (3) appointed by the City of Carmel Common Council (“Common Council”), which members shall represent a cross-section of the citizens of Carmel and who have necessary educational background or experience in visual or performing arts.

- (5) Four (4) of the initial Commission members shall be appointed for one (1) year terms, two (2) by the Mayor and two (2) by the Common Council. The remaining three (3) initial Commission members shall be appointed for two (2) year terms, two (2) by the Mayor and one (1) by the Common Council. All subsequent Commission member terms shall be for two (2) years each, and there shall be no limit on the number of terms a member may serve on the Commission. Appointments, if not re-appointed, shall hold-over until a successor is duly appointed.
- (6) The Commission shall meet on an as-needed basis.

**SO ORDERED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.**

  
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Sue Finkam, Mayor

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Benjamin J. Legge, Interim Corporation Counsel