

**CHAPTER 2020-36**

No. 349     **AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XXII OF CHAPTER II,  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE,  
ENTITLED: "ADMINISTRATION," AMENDING SECTION 2-358**

**Approved October 22, 2020**

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**SECTION 1:** Chapter II, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-358 Special Committee for Commemorative Works

(a) Definitions.

*Commemorative work* is defined as a monument, memorial, marker, and other similar permanent (intended to last for at least two years) structures and installations intended to express or reflect the collective memory of an individual, group, or event and which are accepted by the City and installed or located on City property with City permission. Collective works exclude works of public art.

(b) There is hereby established within the City of Providence a Special Committee for Commemorative Works (the "committee") whose charge shall be to evaluate applications by the public for the creation of a new commemorative work or the modification, relocation, or deaccession of an existing commemorative work. The committee's role is advisory only.


1. The committee shall consist of the following seven (7) members: one (1) member appointed by the City Council, one (1) member appointed by the Mayor, one (1) member appointed by the City Archivist, one (1) member appointed by the Director of the Arts Culture and Tourism, and one (1) member appointed by the Art in City Life Commission. The final two positions shall be filled by the Director of the Department of Art, Culture, and Tourism and the City Archivist, or their designees, both of whom shall serve in ex-officio capacities only and may not vote. The Director of the Department of Art, Culture, and Tourism and the City Archivist shall provide support for the rest of the committee.
2. Each appointed member shall serve a three (3) year term and may be reappointed an unlimited number of times.



(c) The Director of the Department Art, Culture, and Tourism shall promulgate a process by which any individual may submit an application for review by the committee. The process shall also outline criteria to be followed by the committee.

(d) The City Archivist shall prepare a 2-3 page brief for each commemorative work under review by the committee. The brief shall provide an impartial account of the development of the commemorative work including its historical and contemporary context. Further guidelines for the briefs shall be developed by the Director of the Department of Art, Culture, and Tourism.


- (e) The committee shall meet no fewer than two (2) times per year to evaluate applications consistent with the review process developed by the Director of the Department of Art, Culture, and Tourism. A public hearing where public comment may be made by any individual shall be held for every commemorative work considered by the committee.

**Section 2:** This Ordinance Shall Take Effect Upon Passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
OCT 01 2020  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED  
 CLERK

IN CITY COUNCIL  
OCT 15 2020  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED  
 PRESIDENT  
 CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor  
Date: 10/22/20