



CITY OF GIG HARBOR – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TITLE: INDOOR / OUTDOOR ART DISPLAYS and EXHIBITS

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BACKGROUND

Periodically, private citizens, business groups or other organizations desiring to display art at the Civic Center for public enjoyment approach the City. There are also occasions where public right-of-way or Parks are used to display art. It provides local and regional artists and art groups an opportunity to display art work in a public setting. In order to clarify the types of art considered appropriate subject matter for public display, the City of Gig Harbor has developed a Purpose and Procedures Policy.

PURPOSE

The purpose of these displays is to foster the appreciation of art by exhibiting works of quality and artistic expression. There will be special emphasis on exhibiting work of local artists.

EXHIBITION PROCEDURES AND POLICY

1. Exhibit Agreement

Prior to acceptance of artworks for display, the City of Gig Harbor will prepare an **Exhibit Agreement** with the artist.

2. Liability

All artwork and/or items on display at the City of Gig Harbor Civic Center or on City property are the financial responsibility of its artist, curator or owner. The City of Gig Harbor will not be held liable for any damage resulting from the transport, handling or display of any artwork and/or items at the Civic Center or any other physical location where the City of Gig Harbor acts as agent. Neither is the City of Gig Harbor financially responsible or liable for the theft or loss of any displayed artwork and/or items. Artists, curators or owners displaying at the City of Gig Harbor Civic Center will be responsible for insuring their own artwork and/or items.

3. Acceptance Policy

The City Administrator has the right to refuse art work that is deemed to be inappropriate or incompatible with the public uses of the City's property. Inappropriate and incompatible artwork as deemed by the City Administrator is defined as political art, sexually suggestive art, religious art, violent art and nudity OR derogatory art against race, ethnicity, natural origin, gender, religion, marital status, sexual orientation or other person or class of people.

4. Sales

Pricing will not be displayed on the artwork. Artists may include contact information and an inventory of the artwork including pricing in a book or brochure near the exhibit. If art work is sold during the exhibit the art will not be removed until after the close of the exhibit or show.