

**Ordinance**

Board of

**Ramsey County Commissioners**

Presented By: Commissioner Frethem Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Attention: County Attorney

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An Ordinance requiring the establishment of an Arts and Creative Enterprise Advisory Commission pursuant to Section 2.02(B) of the Ramsey County Charter which authorizes the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners to establish any commission by Ordinance.

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Ramsey does ordain:

**SECTION 1 – TITLE; INTENT AND PURPOSE; AND AUTHORITY**

**A. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Ramsey County Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Ordinance.”

**B. Intent and Purpose.**

- 1.) Whereas, on June 25, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) held a workshop that laid the groundwork for a County-wide Arts and Culture strategy that included a recommendation to establish an Arts and Creative Enterprise Advisory Commission (the “Commission”).
- 2.) Whereas, it is the intent and objective of Ramsey County to establish an Arts and Culture Advisory Commission to ensure community input and oversight that equitably coordinates investments, identifies needs and opportunities, and provides strategic direction.
- 3.) Whereas, it is the purpose of this Ordinance to ensure that the intent and objectives referenced above are implemented by the County.
- 4.) Whereas, it is determined that said intent and objectives are most effectively accomplished by and through the establishment of an Arts and Creative Enterprise Advisory Commission.

**C. Authority.** This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the powers granted to Ramsey County under Minnesota Statute Section 375.51, and 2.02(B) of the Home Rule Charter for Ramsey County, and other applicable state laws, as they may be amended from time to time.

**SECTION 2 – THE COMMISSION**

- 1.) **DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS.** The Commission shall be charged with assisting the

County Manager and the Board in developing and updating County-wide arts and creative enterprise strategies, that undertakes the following:

- a. Evaluating and studying key issues and trends impacting the arts and the growth of creative enterprises in Ramsey County and the surrounding region, including, but not limited to: economic impact of arts and cultural activity, workforce participation in arts and cultural organizations, impact and effectiveness of marketing, promotion, and other investments; and,
  - b. Make recommendations to encourage the development of cultural programs and activities, with special emphasis on the development of organizations and artists underrepresented in the arts and cultural economy.
  - c. Make recommendations to create opportunities for all residents to have equitable access to the arts and means of cultural expression.
  - d. Make recommendations to encourage the development of cultural programs and activities, with special emphasis on the development of organizations, events, and activities that can be promoted and marketed to external partners.
- 2.) **MEMBERSHIP.** The Commission shall be comprised of at least 14 members, representing a wide range of creative enterprise industries.
- 3.) **APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES.** The Board shall make initial appointments to the Commission. The initial appointees shall be charged with establishing bylaws and membership guidelines that include terms lengths and limits, standing memberships, committee structures, and other policies and practices necessary to fulfill the duties assigned. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board through its Commission appointment process.
- 4.) **CHAIRPERSON.** The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to serve at its pleasure, and such persons shall have the customary powers and duties of such officers.
- 5.) **MEETINGS.** The commission shall fix the time and place for regular meetings. The chairperson shall have the power to call special meetings of the commission. Half (1/2) of the current membership plus one (1) member shall constitute a quorum.

### **SECTION 3 – REQUIREMENTS**

- 1.) **ENACTMENT.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and upon publication after it is approved by the Board.
- 2.) **CAPTIONS AND HEADINGS.** The captions and headings used in this Ordinance are for convenience of reference only and do not define or limit the contents of each paragraph.
- 3.) **SEVERABILITY.** If portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the Ordinance. The Board hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance for each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be

declared invalid.

- 4.) **AMENDMENTS.** This Ordinance may be amended from time to time by the Board according to the provisions of the Ramsey County Charter.