



CITY OF SALEM, OREGON
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MEMORANDUM

To: CITY COUNCIL

From: JANET TAYLOR, MAYOR

Date: JUNE 18, 2007

Subject: ART IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PARKS

Motion:

I move that one-half of one percent of the construction costs for City buildings, parks and facilities that are accessible to the public be set aside for art to be purchased and displayed as part of each project.

Discussion:

Art is an important cultural amenity to a community. The State of Oregon and several of Oregon's larger cities dedicate one percent of the construction costs to public art. Recognizing Salem's fiscal constraints, I am recommending that we dedicate one-half of one percent of the hard construction costs to public art. This would apply to facilities that are used by the public, including buildings and parks. Facilities that are largely devoted to staff or to infrastructure would not be subject to this policy.

If Council approves this motion, staff can return with a draft ordinance and policies for Council's review.