

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BARTOW COUNTY TO ESTABLISH THE BARTOW COUNTY PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, TO BE KNOWN AS “ART IN BARTOW,” AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BARTOW COUNTY HELD ON THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

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**WHEREAS**, the Bartow County Commissioner is dedicated to ensuring Bartow County is a livable and vibrant community for its residents, business owners, and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bartow County Commissioner is an advocate of public art and endeavors to foster and enrich arts and culture in Bartow County, which bring social, cultural and economic benefits to the public and visitors to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, public art exhibits are a unique medium of expression which serves the public interest including improved aesthetics; public access to original works of art; community participation in the creation of original works of art; and community building through the presence of and identification with original works of art, particularly those of cultural, historic or social significance; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a public arts commission, to be known as “ART IN BARTOW,” will assist in the promotion, retention and acquisition of visual and cultural arts in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Bartow County to establish a Public Arts Commission in Bartow County in order to foster and enrich the arts and culture in Bartow County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by virtue of the authority vested in the Commissioner of Bartow County by law, that there is hereby established the Bartow Public Arts Commission “ART IN BARTOW” as follows:

Section 1. Creation. There is hereby created a public arts commission whose title shall be "ART IN BARTOW." ART IN BARTOW shall be authorized and encouraged to advise the Commissioner on all matters related to public art, including the acquisition, creation and placement of works of art as well as the maintenance, removal, relocation or alteration of existing works of art in the County's possession, and perform all duties with respect to the public art program.

Section 2. Purpose. ART IN BARTOW shall function as a commission to promote public art and work in coordination with the Cartersville-Bartow County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Section 3. Funding. ART IN BARTOW shall work to secure donations and grants for funding of its programs. It shall not seek allocations from Bartow County’s general fund. It may conduct fundraising activities and organize activities and exhibitions for which admission or other fees are charged.

Section 4. Membership. ART IN BARTOW shall be comprised of no fewer than twelve (12) members appointed by the County Commissioner, and no more than fifteen (15) members. The Commissioner shall appoint a Chairperson, and the Chairperson shall recommend other appointments to the Commissioner. The commissioner should include broad representation across the community and groups interested in arts and tourism. In general, members shall include representatives from Adairsville, Emerson, Cartersville, Cartersville City Government, Cartersville Downtown Development Authority, Bartow County Government, Cartersville-Bartow County Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, Etowah Valley Historical Society, Georgia Museums, Inc, and educational institutions among others. Art in Bartow membership must at all times contain at least twelve (12) members who are citizens of Bartow County. Members shall receive no compensation for service but the commission may reimburse expenses. ART IN BARTOW members shall serve renewable four (4) year terms and the membership terms shall be staggered. To achieve staggered appointments, initial appointments to ART IN BARTOW shall have half the members appointed to four (4) year terms and half (or nearest thereto) members appointed to two (2) year terms.

Section 5. Officers. There shall be a Chair and Vice-Chair of the commission. ART IN BARTOW shall elect all officers from its membership for a term of two (2) years and shall determine responsibilities of the officers.

Section 6. Removal. Members of ART IN BARTOW serve at the pleasure of the Bartow County Commissioner and may be removed and replaced by the Bartow County Commissioner with or without cause at any time.

Section 7. Meetings. ART IN BARTOW shall hold regularly scheduled meetings, and shall determine the frequency, time and location of meetings. Meetings shall be conducted according to the most recent version of the Robert's Rules of Order. A public record shall be kept of the commission's minutes, resolutions, proceedings, and actions. Meeting shall be open to the public and subject to Georgia's Open Meeting Law.

Section 8. Master Plan. ART IN BARTOW shall prepare, maintain and update public art program policies and guidelines. ART IN BARTOW shall also develop policies regarding fundraising and expenditures for art acquisition, performances, art programming, art education, and other purposes consistent with the promotion of public art and culture in Bartow County.

Section 9. Other Powers. The commission shall be authorized to seek IRS Section 501(c)(3) status for tax exemption and fiscal grant status and may incorporate a non-profit corporation if that serves its purposes. The board of any such non-profit shall be the membership of the commission.


Section 10. Ethics. Members of the commission shall abide by the Code of Ethics set forth in OCGA Sec. 45-10-3.

**SO ADOPTED** this 16th day of September, 2020 to be effective immediately, the public welfare demanding.

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Gill, County Clerk

BARTOW COUNTY, GEORGIA

  
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Steve Taylor, Sole Commissioner