

§ 12-30. Creation and composition.

There is created, to be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of Council, an Allentown Arts Commission to consist of 15 members.

§ 12-31. Powers and duties. [Amended 7-1-1992 by Ord. No. 13138]

The Allentown Arts Commission shall promote and encourage public artistic programs; further, the development and public awareness of and interest in the fine and performing arts; provide for the assessment of the artistic needs of the community; provide the means for the development of a comprehensive Citywide plan to encourage and strengthen artistic and cultural resources; develop programs in the arts which shall seek to introduce the visual and performing arts to City residents who have previously not participated in such activities and encourage existing organizations to develop new ways of reaching the community; provide a forum of communications between representatives of the community and the City; act as an advisory board to the City in all matters pertaining to the arts and the cultural development of the City and give approval to specific locations of all art objects given to the City placed in the Allentown Park System or on other City property.

§ 12-32. Qualifications of members.

Said members shall be representatives of business, education, artistic, governmental and civic communities of the City of Allentown, and shall include one employee of the Mayor's Office and one employee of the Allentown Community and Economic Development Department.

§ 12-33. Terms.

The initial terms of the first 15 members shall be as follows: Five members shall serve until the first Monday of January 1984; five members shall serve until the first Monday of January 1985; and five members shall serve until the first Monday of January 1986. Their successors shall be appointed on the expiration of their expected terms to serve five years.

§ 12-34. Removal and vacancy.

The Mayor may remove any or all members of the Commission for official misconduct or neglect of duty and may fill any vacancy for any expired term with the approval and consent of Council.

§ 12-35. Rules and regulations.

Subject to the approval of the Mayor and Council, the Allentown Arts Commission may enact its own rules and regulations pertaining to the carrying out of its duties.

§ 12-36. Annual report. [Amended 6-2-2010 by Ord. No. 14800]

The Allentown Arts Commission shall annually prepare a written report of the year's activities, a one-year plan and long-term goals and scenarios to enhance the City's art programs and facilities using a template provided by City Council. The report shall be given to the Mayor and Allentown School Board, and shall be presented to Allentown City Council at a public meeting.