

Notice to Street Artists

Section 5 of the Street Artists Ordinance allows the Director of Cultural Affairs to refuse to issue a street artists certificate or renewal if charges have been filed alleging deception or violation of the Street Artists Ordinance. The Art Commission has adopted the following procedures to implement Section 5. These procedures may be used to address violations in addition to, and may be taken with, the existing suspension-revocation procedures.

CHARGES OF MINOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STREET ARTISTS ORDINANCE:

--includes most violations of a non-violent/ non-threatening nature.

First Violation: "NOTICE OF WARNING" from Program Director.

Second Violation: "NOTICE OF INTENT TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OR RENEWAL" from Program Director.

Notice will offer artist an opportunity to have a public hearing with Program Director to discuss the charge. If artist agrees in writing to comply with Street Artists Ordinance, Program Director will recommend issuance of certificate or renewal. If artist does not agree in writing to comply with the ordinance, Program Director will recommend denial of certificate or renewal.

Third Violation: (when at least 1 of 3 of the incidents has been witnessed by Police or Program staff): "NOTICE OF WITHHOLDING OF CERTIFICATE OR RENEWAL PENDING HEARING" from Director of Cultural Affairs.*

CHARGES OF SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE STREET ARTIST ORDINANCE

--includes violations of a violent or threatening nature and violations that significantly threaten integrity of Street Artists Program.

First Verifiable Violation: "NOTICE OF WITHHOLDING OF CERTIFICATE OR RENEWAL PENDING HEARING" from Director of Cultural Affairs.*

*Denials of certificates or renewals are governed by section 2408 of the Street Artists Ordinance. The Street Artists Program Committee will hold a public hearing on the certificate or renewal in accordance with Section 2408. A decision by the Committee and Program Director to deny certificate or renewal may be appealed to the Board of Appeals within 15 days, in accordance with section 2409 of the Street Artists Ordinance.

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