Waiver of Proprietary Rights

for Artwork Placed Upon CITY PROPERTY under VARA and CAPA

Artist has designed a work of visual art. In consideration of the City’s approval of the Artist design of visual art.

DESCRIPTION: [type, mural, medium]:

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__________________________________________________________________________

TITLE, DATE:  ______________________________________________________________

DIMENSIONS:  ______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS/LOCATION:  _________________________________________________________

(“the Work”) for the City artist agrees to waive and does hereby waive voluntarily all rights to attribution and integrity with respect to the Work and any and all claims as may arise under the Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990, 17 U.S.C. §§106A and 113(d) (“VARA”), the California Art Preservation Act (Cal. Civ. Code §§987 and 989 ) (“CAPA”), or any other local, state, foreign or international law, as currently drafted or as may be hereafter amended, that conveys the same or similar rights (“Moral Rights Laws”), with respect to the Work, its display, removal from display, exhibition, installation, conservation, storage, study, alteration and any other activities conducted by the City, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, licensees, successors or assigns. If the Work is incorporated into a building such that the Work cannot be removed from the building without physical defacement, mutilation, alternation, distortion, destruction, or other modification (collectively, “Modification”) of the Work, artist waives any and all such claims under any Moral Rights Laws arising out of or against any current or future owners of the site, and its agents, officers and employees, for Modification of the Work.

The City has the absolute right to change, modify, destroy, remove, relocate, move, replace, transport, repair or restore the Work, in whole or in part, in City’s sole discretion.

The City has no obligation to pursue claims against third parties for modifications or damage to the Work done without the City’s authorization. However, the City may pursue claims against third parties for modifications or damage or to restore the Work if the work has been modified without the City’s authorization. In the event that the City pursues such a claim, it shall notify the Artist, and Artist shall cooperate with the City’s efforts to prosecute such claims.

If the City modifies the Artwork without the Artist’s consent in a manner that is prejudicial to Artist’s reputation, Artist retains the right to disclaim authorship of the Artwork in accordance with 17 U.S.C. § 106A (a) (2).
Artist bears the sole responsibility for providing the City with any changes to the Artist’s Address for Notice. Notice of changes must be mailed to the Arts Commission, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 325, San Francisco, CA 94102 AND to the City Agency with jurisdiction over the property.

CITY AGENCY
Agency: __________________________________________
Authorized Agent: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________________
________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________
SIGNATURE: _____________________________________
DATE: ____/ ____/____

ARTIST
ARTIST understands the effect of this waiver and hereby acknowledges that ARTIST is surrendering the rights described herein with respect to the Work.

Artist: __________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________
SIGNATURE: _____________________________________
DATE: ____/ ____/____

SAN FRANCISCO ARTS COMMISSION
Authorized Agent: Jenn Doyle Crane
Address: San Francisco Arts Commission
401 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 325
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: jennifer.crane@sfgov.org
Phone: 415-252-2100
SIGNATURE: _____________________________________
DATE: ____/ ____/____

For more information regarding VARA and CAPA:
http://www.sfartscommission.org/pubartcollection/mural-guidelines/pa05-mural-guidelines/pa05-2-visual-artists-rights-act/

http://www.sfartscommission.org/pubartcollection/mural-guidelines/pa05-mural-guidelines/pa05-3-california-art-preservation-act/