



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# Governmental Affairs Committee Memorandum

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**TO: GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE      DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2019**

**FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE  
CHAPTER 2.12 - MUSEUM, AS TO THE NAME OF MUSEUM AND ADVISORY  
BOARD, DUTIES OF ADVISORY BOARD, AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON  
ADVISORY BOARD**

## **ISSUE:**

Recommend that the City Council approve the proposed Ordinance, amending Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 – Museum, as to the name of the Museum, the name of the advisory board, the duties of the advisory board, and the number of members on the advisory board.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Governmental Affairs Committee recommend that the City Council adopt an Ordinance, amending Chapter 2.12 of the Riverside Municipal Code, changing the name of the Museum and advisory board, clarifying the duties of the advisory board, and increasing the number of members on the advisory board to 11.

## **BOARD RECOMMENDATION:**

On July 10, 2019, the Metropolitan Museum Board, with six (6) members present, voted unanimously to recommend that City Council approve the changes to Chapter 2.12 of the Riverside Municipal Code including name of the museum, name of the advisory board for the Museum, and duties of the advisory board.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Museum of Riverside (Museum) was established in 1924 with a donation to the City of Riverside of the cultural and anthropological collections of Nabisco magnate Cornelius Earle Rumsey. The City Council amended the City Charter in 1925 to establish a municipal museum. Pursuant to Section 804 of the Riverside City Charter, the Metropolitan Museum Board (Board) established rules and regulations for its operation early in its history.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Proposed changes to Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 – Museum include the following:

### *Section 2.12.005 – Name of museum and branches.*

The collective name for all museum facilities is being changed to “Museum of Riverside” as approved by City Council on April 23, 2019. The museum was formerly known as “Riverside Metropolitan Museum.” All references to “Riverside Metropolitan Museum” are proposed to be changed to “Museum of Riverside.”

### *Section 2.12.010 – Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board established*

The name of the advisory board is proposed to be changed from “Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board” to “Museum of Riverside Board.” Therefore, this would also change the title of this section to “Museum of Riverside Board established.”

The Museum Board currently consists of nine (9) members, one (1) from each City Ward and two (2) city-wide members. To encourage participation in establishing the Museum’s role in the community, the Museum proposes increasing the number of members on the Board from nine (9) members to 11 members with the addition of two (2) city-wide Board members. As the Museum prepares for the renovation and possible expansion of the downtown Museum location and develops exhibition and outreach plans for a more vibrant and active Museum, the Museum seeks a range of input and feedback on how the Museum can respond to and meet community needs. To better serve the community and add avenues for feedback and input, the Museum would like to increase the Board by two (2) city-wide members.

### *Section 2.12.020 – Duties of Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board*

The title of this section is proposed to be changed to “Duties of Museum of Riverside Board.”

The proposed changes to this section also include the addition of “A. Act in the spirit of the museum’s mission to advise on the stewardship of the museum’s cultural resources for the benefit of the public.” The proposed amendments to this section amend the duties of the board to make recommendations regarding the scope of museum activities (B.), and to review and provide guidance on specific collection and exhibition goals and policies for the museum (D.). Proposed deletions from this section (C.) are recommendations from the board regarding open hours and days, and recommending fees for museum classes, functions and services. Proposed changes to acceptance of gift of money or real property (E.) are as follows: Museum Director has authority to accept or decline donations valued up to \$2,500, donations valued over \$2,500 and up to \$25,000 can be accepted or declined by the Museum Board or the City Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, and donations valued over \$25,000 must be approved by City Council upon recommendation of the Board. Other revisions to this section (F., G., H., and I.) are grammatical rather than substantive regarding the duties of the Museum Board.

### *Section 2.12.040 – Title to property.*

The proposal is to change “Riverside Metropolitan Museum” to “Museum of Riverside.”

### *Section 2.12.050 – Special fund created.*

The proposal is to change “Metropolitan Museum Board” to “Museum of Riverside Board”.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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**Attachments:**

1. Ordinance of the City of Riverside, California, amending Chapter 2.12 of the Riverside Municipal Code
2. Minutes of the Metropolitan Museum Board for July 10, 2019
3. Presentation