



*City of Arts & Innovation*

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Item no. 9a

## City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

**FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGES TO RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.12 - MUSEUM, AMENDING SECTIONS 2.12.005, 2.12.010, 2.12.020, 2.12.040, AND 2.12.050 AS TO THE NAME OF THE MUSEUM AND THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

### **ISSUE:**

Approve or reject the proposed changes to Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 – Museum regarding including amendments to Sections 2.12.005, 2.12.010, 2.12.020, 2.12.040, and 2.12.050 as to the name of the Museum and the duties of the Board.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the proposed changes to Chapter 2.12 of the Riverside Municipal Code including amendments to Sections 2.12.005, 2.12.010, 2.12.020, 2.12.040, and 2.12.050; and
2. Introduce and subsequently adopt the attached Ordinance amending Chapter 2.12 – Museum.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

On October 2, 2019, the Governmental Affairs Committee discussed revisions to the Riverside Municipal Code proposed by the Museum. The Governmental Affairs Committee declined to support the Museum's proposal to increase the number of Metropolitan Museum Board members from nine (9) to eleven (11), and voted to recommend revisions to subpoint E of Section 2.12.020. All of the Governmental Affairs Committee's recommendations are incorporated into the proposed revisions in this report, and the number of members on the Metropolitan Museum Board will remain at nine (9), with no change proposed to the number of board members.

### **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 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 as articulated in Chapter 2.12 of the Riverside Municipal Code.

## **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” and “Metropolitan Museum” are proposed to be changed to “Museum of Riverside.”

Section 2.12.010 – Metropolitan Museum Board established (title of section proposed to be changed to “Museum of Riverside Board established”)

Name of advisory board proposed to be changed from “Metropolitan Museum Board” to “Museum of Riverside Board.”

Section 2.12.020 – Duties of Metropolitan Museum Board (title of section proposed to be changed to “Duties of Museum of Riverside Board established.”

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 approve monetary donations valued at \$2,500 or below, monetary donations valued over \$2,500 and up to \$25,000 may be approved by the City Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, and monetary 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.

“Riverside Metropolitan Museum” changed to “Museum of Riverside.”

Section 2.12.050 – Special fund created.

“Metropolitan Museum” Board changed to “Museum of Riverside” Board.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Approved as to form:	Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Concurs with:



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Andy Melendrez, Chair  
Governmental Affairs Committee

**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. Minutes of Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting October 2, 2019