

Mansfield Public Art Commission - FAQ

What projects will require a public art permit?

Exterior painted murals and visual art installations within the City of Mansfield.

What projects do not require a public art permit?

Interior painted murals and artwork installations inside of a building do not require a permit. Temporary mediums like window painting and sidewalk chalk do not need to be permitted. Landscaping and sculptural art do not need to be permitted.

Where are public art permits going to be required?

Exterior commercial buildings. Exterior residential buildings. Exterior walls and facades within the City of Mansfield.

Where can I find the certificate application and more info?

City of Mansfield Ohio website: ci.mansfield.oh.us

> Government > Building Codes & Permits > Applications > Certificate of Approval Public Art
<https://ci.mansfield.oh.us/public-works-departments/building-codes-and-permits>

Who do I send certificate applications and designs to?

Please send permit applications and a copy of the design to Public Art Commission members:

Jennifer Pennel, Commission Chair <artscommission@ci.mansfield.oh.us>

Adrian Ackerman, City Codes & Permits <aackerman@ci.mansfield.oh.us>

*Physical copies of the certificate application and designs may be delivered to the Third Floor of the City Building: Building & Codes Department
30 N. Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio, 44902
Monday – Friday 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.*

How much does a public art permit cost?

A \$45, flat-rate fee, not determined by the square footage of the project.

When does the commission review designs and applications?

The Public Art Commission meets regularly on the first Monday of each month.

When do the application and design need to be received?

Please send a copy of the application and design rendering 10 business days prior to the first Monday of the month to be reviewed in a timely manner. An approval, conditional approval, or declined certificate decision should be made within 30 days of the commission meeting.

How are painted logos handled?

Painted logos are considered advertising, and must submit an application with a copy of the logo. If the artwork contains additional design elements, a full rendering of the design must be submitted. Painted concepts will be a flat-rate \$45 fee. Installations with logos are considered a sign, and must submit to the city signage permit.

How are art installations handled, and what is required?

+ *Art Installations that require hardware for mounting purposes will need to submit additional engineered drawings to illustrate the specific materials and method of installation, standard to signage and reviewed for safety prior to issuing a certificate. If an installation requires additional construction to a building, please submit a Commercial Building Plan Approval and engineered drawings of the additional construction to City Codes and Permits.*

+ *A 'Spec Sheet' may be required for Art Installations that are achieved with Adhesive, Vinyl Wrapped and other Art Mediums applied directly to the surface of a building, in order to give details on product, but these methods do not require engineered drawings.*

What kinds of art content is recommended?

The Public Art Commission has drafted 8 Guiding Principles of Public Art. These concepts were developed as a part of the portfolio submission process by artists who answered: 'What kind of public art do you envision for Mansfield?'

What kinds of art content is not permitted?

Refer to the 'Considerations for Design Review' document, which outlines in greater detail. In short, public art designs must be original, must not be construed as propaganda, hate speech, sexually explicit, and not explicitly or implicitly offensive in any way shape or form.

Why is a public art commission necessary or beneficial to have in Mansfield?

Public Art Commissions are common in cities that have burgeoning and vibrant art communities. Having a design review helps safeguard the quality and integrity of public art in Mansfield. Commissions can set forth guiding principles for public art, and recommendations for businesses or sponsors who may be interested in public art, but are not sure where to start.

Commissions can help to identify and mitigate potentially hateful, propaganda, and sexually explicit artworks from becoming a fixture of concern or outrage in the community. There are opportunities for directing public funding toward public art. Commissions can help to highlight the artistic achievements happening within the City. As artists are vetted for public art, the process can help to promote the collective art community through their published portfolios.

How can new artists be vetted?

Artists who wish to submit their Artist Portfolios may upload up to 10 works as a part of their application. A link is available on www.MansfieldArtSector.com; www.MankindMurals.org and at this link: [Artist Portfolio Application](#) or rebrand.ly/ArtistPortfolioSubmission

How can I see portfolios of vetted artists?

Artists that have submitted portfolios and have been vetted have been published in a local 'Artist Portfolios' resource. A physical copy is available upon request, as well as a digital PDF copy is available to be viewed and downloaded, and shared at this link: [Artist Portfolios](#) and are available at: www.MansfieldArtSector.com, www.MankindMurals.org and at rebrand.ly/ArtistPortfoliosMidOhio