

PUBLIC ART INFORMATION
CITY OF SOUTHFIELD PLANNING DEPARTMENT
January 2026

Sites shall be designed and developed to contain Public “Works of Art”* unless exempted by the following stipulations (see Section 5.22-5 Public Art, Article 4 General Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance in its entirety for further details). PLEASE CHECK APPLICABLE EXEMPTIONS:

- ☐ Projects where the requirement would constitute a governmental taking or otherwise be contrary to law
- ☐ Projects where the total project cost is less than \$1 million dollars.
- ☐ Residential projects with less than 4 residential units.
- ☐ Projects where the applicant donates to the public art fund or donates a “work of art” to the fund that is approved by the Public Art Commission and is of equal value to the requirements established in Sec. 5.22-5 (1)
- ☐ Projects that are renovations of existing buildings where the total project cost is less than \$1.0 million.

Unless exempted by the above, the amount budgeted towards the procurement and display of Public Art should be established based on the following:

Total Project Cost	Percentage of Project Cost Allocated to Public Art	Maximum Public Art Budget
Less than \$1.0M	0% (Exempt)	\$0 (Exempt)
\$1.0M - \$1.5M	0.5%	\$7,500
\$1.5M - \$2.5M	1.0%	\$25,000
Greater than \$2.5M	2.0%	\$100,000

*Per Section 1.180(a), Article VI Public Arts Commission, Chapter 4 Boards & Commission, Title I Administration of the Southfield City Code, “Works of Art” shall mean all forms of visual arts, including, but not limited to:

- Sculpture- in any material or combination of materials;
- Painting- all media, including portable and permanently affixed works, such as murals and frescoes;
- Photography;
- Mosaics;
- Mixed media – any combination of forms or media including collage;

- Water features and fountains; and
- Streetscape and landscape features and elements, including signage, lighting, benches, clocks, kiosks, and planters.

I, _____, acknowledge the aforementioned information and will comply with all City regulations pertaining to Public Art within the City of Southfield.

OR

I, _____, acknowledge the aforementioned information and confirm that we are exempt from this requirement.

Signature

Date