

**REVISED
MECKLENBURG COUNTY
RESOLUTION
ADOPTING DETAILED GUIDELINES FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE MODEL AND SALES AND USE TAX FUNDING ALLOCATION
PROCESS FOR PARKS AND GREENWAYS**

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2019, the Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on the statement of intent regarding appropriation of potential proceeds of a one-quarter cent sales and use tax as authorized by Article 46 of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board declared its intent to allocate the proceeds based on the following percentages:

Arts and Culture	45%
Parks and Greenways	34%
Education	16%
Towns (Arts and Culture)	5%; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2019, the Board of Commissioners approved a framework for the governance of the additional sales and use tax proceeds for Arts and Culture informed by the guiding principles of accountability, transparency, strategic planning, leading with equity and being transformational; and

WHEREAS, the new Arts and Science Council will be governed by these values as outlined: “Accountability” defined as funds being spent as intended with minimal overhead and maximum dispersion; “Transparency” defined as funding decisions based on sound processes, data driven decision making, and a separation between programming and grant-making; “Strategic Planning” as defined as an inclusive and equitable process that sets vision for arts and culture for the community; “Lead with Equity” as defined as funding decisions that advance equity in the community and that all residents, particularly children, should have access to arts and culture; “Transformational” as defined by arts and culture that significantly advance the cultural sector, equity, and economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, to optimize existing expertise and infrastructure, a re-envisioned Arts and Science Council Board will be diverse, independent, comprised of many members with arts and education experience, will retain a non-profit status, cease all fund raising and programming and will be constituted with a newly appointed Board of Directors which will be on rotating terms; and

WHEREAS, the Arts and Science Council Board will be represented by an equal number of Mecklenburg County Elected Officials, (i.e Board of County Commissioners); City of Charlotte Elected Officials, (i.e. Charlotte City Council); one Northern Town appointment; one Southern Town appointment; an equal number of citizens appointed by the Mecklenburg County

Board of Commissioners and Charlotte City Council; and representatives from the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the new Arts and Science Council Board will include the establishment of strategic priorities and provide oversight of grant requests, staff, and the public art process; and

WHEREAS, the categories of recipients of funding will include, but are not limited to:

Arts Education and Schools

Neighborhood Programming

Emerging Artists

Individual Artists

Small Organizations

Medium Organizations

Large Organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believe that additional clarity is necessary to provide the public transparency as to how the sales and use tax dollars will be allocated and managed; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following process for the allocation of sales and use tax funding for Parks and Greenways:

1. Proceeds from the additional sales and use tax will be segregated from general operating dollars in the annual operating budget.
2. A detailed plan will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for the expenditure of these funds informed by citizen input and the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan including but not limited to programming for children and seniors, deferred maintenance, and land acquisition.
3. Expanding access to services and programming and keeping fees low.
4. The annual budget ordinance would include provisions restricting these funds for this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following requirements for the allocation of sales and use tax funding for Arts and Culture:

1. The Board of County Commissioners will contract annually with the new Arts and Science Council to manage the distribution of the proceeds.
2. The contract will include success measures and require an annual report to be presented to the County within 60 days of the fiscal year end.

3. Terms within the contract will be based upon information received from public input received during the budget hearing process.
4. The new Arts and Science Council Board will be responsible for establishing a funding request process and grant making decisions in accordance with terms of the contract and the guiding principles established herein.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2019

George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners