



**City of  
Laguna Beach**  
Community Development  
Department

*INFORMATIONAL GUIDE FOR:*

# ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

## **Background**

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In 1986 the City of Laguna Beach adopted an Art in Public Places ordinance. The goal of the Art in Public Places program is to provide permanent, outdoor artworks that are easily accessible to the general public throughout the city. The program is designed to offer a wide range of artistic styles, themes and media. Art in Public Places program is collaboration between the developer, artists and the City. All artworks are privately owned and are designed to enhance property values, encourage pride in ownership, and add value to the community further enhancing Laguna Beach as a leading arts colony.

## **Intent and Purpose**

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1. Distinguish Laguna Beach as a special place to live, work and visit.
2. Integrate the vision of artists with the perspective of other design professionals into the planning and design of urban landscape.
3. Provide every member of the community easy visual access to public art from public street access.
4. Strengthen cultural awareness, creativity and innovative thinking in the community and be a source of pride for all residents.
5. Create diverse art of the highest quality.
6. Installations that will, over decades, reflect the City itself and its citizens, and improve quality of life.

## **Applicability and Requirements**

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The program applies to developments of commercial, industrial, or residential projects of four (4) or more units or lots, with a total project valuation of \$225,000 or more, are required to select, purchase and install permanent outdoor artwork at the development site, accessible and visible to the general public from the public street. In addition, it applies to any remodeling, repair or reconstruction of buildings in these categories that exceeds \$225,000. The City's own projects are also included when their value exceeds \$225,000. The program does not apply to reconstruction of structures that have been damaged by fire, flood or other natural calamity. The required minimum art allocation shall be one percent (1%) of the total building construction valuation which is determined using the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) tables in effect at the time building permits are issued.

Alternatively, an in-lieu fee may be paid to the value of one and one-quarter percent (1¼%) to an Art in Public Places Fund to satisfy the Art in Public Places requirement.