



ARTIST DESIGNED MURAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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DO I QUALIFY FOR THE ARTIST DESIGN MURAL APPLICATION PROCESS?

The Artist Design Mural Application Process allows property owners and artists to procure an approved location prior to designing the actual mural. The intent of this process is to better facilitate calls for artists and to avoid as many required design alterations as possible. Aimed more towards traditional murals (paint applied directly to the wall) and panel installations, below are some questions to better help you gauge your qualification.

Will the mural...

- Exceed the height of the structure to which it is affixed?
- Extend more than 6 inches from the plan of wall upon which it is affixed?
- Consist of or contain electrical or mechanical components or changing images?
- Advertise a specific company or brand?
- Not be submitted to A&H for mural registration?

If you answered YES to any of the questions above, you may not be eligible for the Artist Design Mural Application Process. If you are not eligible, you may still submit to Planning and Development Services for project review. However, all mural specifications – including design – will need to be providing at time of submittal. Projects submitted outside of the Artist Design Mural Application Process are still under the purview of the Mural Design Guidelines. If you still have questions about your eligibility, please contact Planning Staff at (208) 608-7100.

WHICH APPLICATION SHOULD I SUBMIT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (PDS)?

Depending on the location and scale of a proposed mural project, there are three potential applications. Below you will find each application explained.



Zoning Certificate: Proposed murals located in a Design Review or Downtown Design Review Overlay zone that meet all of the mural guidelines can submit a Zoning Certificate. This application is for administrative (Staff) review for minor exterior alterations on commercial and multifamily properties.

Design Review: Proposed murals located in a Design Review or Downtown Design Review Overlay zone that does not meet all of the mural guidelines or are directed by Planning Staff that the scope of the project requires further review, will need to submit a Design Review application. This application is for a public hearing with the Design Review Committee for larger exterior alterations on commercial or multifamily properties.

Certificate of Appropriateness: Proposed murals located in a Historic District or Historic District with Design Review Overlay zone must submit a Certificate of Appropriateness. This application is for Historic Preservation review and can be both an administrative (Staff) or public hearing (Historic Preservation Commission) level review depending on guidelines adherence and scale. A Commercial Certificate of Appropriateness application is needed for all commercial or multifamily properties. A Residential Certificate of Appropriateness application is not needed if the mural paint is applied directly to the wall; any equipment or special installation processes will require review.

If you still have questions about which application you should submit, please contact Planning Staff at (208) 608-7100.

DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Projects using panels and brackets may require a separate Building Permit depending on size and weight of proposed equipment. Contact the Permit Desk with questions pertaining to construction permits at (208) 608-7070.