

City of Morro Bay
PUBLIC ART POLICY

Approved by Morro Bay City Council on February 27, 2006

PURPOSE

The City of Morro Bay encourages public art on appropriate City owned property. The purpose of this policy is to set forth standardized policies and procedures for the acceptance of donated artwork offered to the City by the artist.

DEFINITION OF PUBLIC ART

For the purpose of this policy, public art will be artwork located in public places (indoor or outdoor) owned by the City of Morro Bay.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

- A. Any artist wishing to donate artwork to the City of Morro Bay must submit an application to the City Manager's office in the form attached hereto:
 - 1. Photo, plans or model of proposed donation
 - 2. Technical description of the work
 - 3. Any special care, maintenance, mounting or display requirements
 - 4. Resume of the artist
 - 5. Statement of value of the proposed donation

- B. City staff shall review the application and supporting documentation for the proposed donation. Upon finding that the application is complete, City staff shall place the application on the agenda of all City boards and commissions for their comments. Input shall be encouraged from the Morro Bay Art Association, Morro Bay Public Art Foundation and the public at large. It shall then go to the City Council for final approval or denial.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- A. The City Council will consider the following criteria when considering whether to accept or reject a donation of public art.
 - 1. The design and placement of public art will not impede pedestrian or vehicle traffic or conflict with public or private easements.
 - 2. Whether the artist has the necessary funds/resources to properly install, care for and maintain the donated public art.
 - 3. Appropriateness of the site.

ACCEPTANCE

- A. If the City Council votes to accept the donated artwork, the artist shall enter into a donation agreement. Upon execution of the agreement by the artist, title of the artwork shall pass to the City.

- B. The City in its sole discretion may remove from its collection any donated artwork. In such event the City shall make reasonable efforts to contact the artist who donated the artwork and offer to return the artwork. If the artist cannot be located after reasonable efforts, or the artist declines to accept the return of the artwork, the City may determine the disposition of the artwork.