

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2023-086

*Establishing One Columbia for Arts and Culture as the official Local Arts Agency [LAA] for  
Columbia, SC*

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia recognizes the cultural and aesthetic importance of a strong Arts community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia recognizes the financial and quality of life benefits of a strengthened Arts community to livability and local sales tax and hospitality tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia recognizes the availability of funds from federal agencies (example: National Endowment for the Arts) to be used and distributed for the purpose of strengthening the Arts, Artists, Arts Organizations, Arts related groups, and the Arts community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia recognizes the need for a Local Arts Agency designated by a local government authority to have the power and authority to distribute federal funds; and

WHEREAS, One Columbia for Arts and History, also known as One Columbia for Arts and Culture and One Columbia, was established in 2012 to advise, amplify and advocate for strengthening and unifying the arts and history community; and

WHEREAS, since 2012 One Columbia has carried out its mission by facilitating arts and historic preservation tourism, promoting collaboration, coordinating marketing of cultural events and activities, and celebrating the role of arts and history in the Columbia area; and

WHEREAS, One Columbia has galvanized the local artist community, partnered with city government and the private sector, facilitated dialogue among artists and arts organizations and produced a robust collection of art in public places; and

WHEREAS, One Columbia works cooperatively with arts, cultural and community-based service agencies to strengthen skills and infrastructure for arts organizations and artists to support high quality artistic programming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia recognizes the abilities and expertise of One Columbia to carry out the work of a designated Local Arts Agency for the betterment of the city; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023 for the period beginning November 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, that the City of Columbia designates One Columbia

1. as the official Local Arts Agency;
2. with power and authority to serve as a recognized Local Arts Agency;

3. with power and authority to distribute federal funds for the purpose of strengthening the Arts, Artists, Arts Organizations, Arts related groups, and the Arts community.

Requested by:

Councilman Brennan

Approved by:

Cherese B. Whitson  
City Manager

Approved as to form:

[Signature]  
City Attorney

Introduced: 10/17/2023

Final Reading: 10/17/2023

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Erika D. Hammond  
City Clerk