

RESOLUTION NO. 28-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
DESIGNATING A CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT FOR THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE**

WHEREAS a Noblesville Cultural Arts District has been designated to enhance a culture of arts, and create universal access for Noblesville artists and cultural arts organizations to contribute to the vibrancy of the area in a collaborative and supportive arts community,

WHEREAS the Noblesville Arts Council was formed in August 2013 to begin collaborative efforts to improve and enhance a culture of arts, with an emphasis on creating a downtown cultural arts district for Noblesville,

WHEREAS establishing the cultural arts district will encourage continued collaboration among Noblesville's many creative organizations, events and historic and cultural assets (venues, facilities, locations, etc.), and contribute to sustainable creativity and innovation within Noblesville,

WHEREAS the impact of cultural arts districts is measurable. Currently, Noblesville offers more than 300 cultural arts events through collaborative efforts of diverse organizations each year for a regional draw. The cultural arts attract residents and tourists who also support adjacent businesses such as restaurants, lodging, retail and parking. The presence of cultural arts also enhances property values, the profitability of surrounding businesses and the area's tax base.

WHEREAS the Noblesville Arts Council created and published a Noblesville Cultural Arts Blueprint as a detailed plan with forethought and design to provide four overarching support areas for guiding the cultural arts initiative in Noblesville:

- Create a Noblesville Cultural Arts Strategic Blueprint.
- Increase community awareness and appreciation of the arts by identifying and promoting opportunities to naturally engage with artists and art related experiences.
- Foster a supportive environment for artists and art organizations to connect through advocacy, professional development, marketing, and the identification of funding sources; and
- Complement the City of Noblesville Comprehensive Master Plan.

WHEREAS the Indiana Arts Commission will be petitioned to designate the Noblesville Cultural Arts District as a Statewide Cultural District, and

WHEREAS that the City of Noblesville Common Council establishes the Noblesville Cultural Arts District as,

The District is bounded on the West by 5th Street, follows State Road 32 to the farthest west boundary of Nixon Street to allow inclusion of Federal Hill Commons then returns down Logan Street to the North on State Road 19 east on Logan Street crossing the White River and following the riverbank to the North boundary of Wayne to the alley just east of 13th Street south to Maple Avenue then turns west to 13th Street then south to Cherry Street to 12th Street south to Division Street until it connects with 5th Street as the West boundary (See attached Exhibit A: Noblesville Cultural Arts District Boundary map)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Noblesville Common Council establishes the Noblesville Cultural Arts District to:

- 1) Encourage the exploration of and participation in the Noblesville Cultural Arts District through a wide variety of art and cultural experiences unique to Noblesville and, activate the area to support Noblesville's position as a truly unique and authentic cultural arts destination.
- 2) Endorse the goals of economic vitality and enhance Noblesville's quality of life and quality of place through participation in the development of and support of the Noblesville Cultural Arts District.
- 3) Encourage the City of Noblesville to promote the Noblesville Cultural Arts District through the strategic attraction and retention of arts and culture-related businesses, preservation of cultural and historical assets, downtown revitalization initiatives and capitalize on new and existing investment in the downtown central business district to positively impact the cultural arts district.
- 4) Identify a Common Council liaison for the Noblesville Arts Council in support of the Noblesville Cultural Arts District.
- 5) Direct City of Noblesville staff to actively support and cooperate with the Noblesville Arts Council to further develop, maintain and encourage the economic vitality and sustainability of the Noblesville Cultural Arts District.
- 6) Agree that the previously established Noblesville Arts Council will provide support, programming and work directly for the long term sustainability of the Noblesville Cultural Arts District.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Noblesville this 9th day of August, 2016.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE

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APPROVED and signed by the Mayor of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, this 9th day of August, 2016.

John Ditslear, Mayor
City of Noblesville, Indiana

ATTEST:

Evelyn L. Lees, Clerk
City of Noblesville, Indiana