

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 17 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD AND AMENDING ARTICLE 15 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF SAID CODE RELATING TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION, AND CREATING A CULTURAL ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Torrance does ordain as follows:**

**SECTION 1**

That Article 17 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the City of Torrance Municipal Code entitled “Cable Television Advisory Board” is repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 2**

That Article 15 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the City of Torrance Municipal Code entitled “Cultural Arts Commission” is amended, to read in its entirety as follows:

“ARTICLE 15 - CULTURAL ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

SECTION 13.15.1. CREATED, COMPOSITION, COMPENSATION AND QUALIFICATIONS.

- a) There is hereby created a Cultural Arts and Communications Commission for the City, consisting temporarily of nine members, due to the consolidation of the Cable Television Advisory Board with the Cultural Arts Commission.
- b) The expanded number of commissioners will gradually reduce over time as commissioners’ terms expire and those commissioners are not eligible for reappointment.
- c) The Cultural Arts and Communications Commission shall become a seven-member commission as commissioners leave due to attrition.
- d) The members of the Commission shall be electors of the City.
- e) The members of the Commission shall be paid, in lieu of the ordinary and necessary expenses directly connected with or pertaining to the duties imposed by Section 13.15.7, at the rate of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per meeting attended, but not to exceed Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per calendar quarter. Payment shall be made at the end of each calendar quarter.

### SECTION 13.15.2. - APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF MEMBERS

The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

- a) The initial Commission membership of nine members will gradually reduce through attrition over time to a seven-member commission, as vacancies occur and as commissioners' terms expire and those commissioners are not eligible for reappointment.
- b) All appointments and reappointments to the Commission shall be for a period of four (4) years. No member shall be eligible for reappointment after serving two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms; provided, however, that after a lapse of two (2) years, a former member may be reappointed to the Commission

### SECTION 13.15.3. - FILLING OF VACANCIES

Once the Commission is reduced to seven members, if any vacancy shall occur in the membership of the Commission other than by expiration of the term of office, it shall be filled by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council for the unexpired term of the vacated office.

### SECTION 13.15.4. - REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

The members of the Commission may be removed from office by a vote of the majority of all the members of the City Council.

### SECTION 13.15.5. - APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN

At the first meeting of the Commission in every fiscal year, the members shall appoint one (1) of their number as Chairman who shall hold office for one (1) year and until a successor is appointed.

### SECTION 13.15.6. - MEETINGS AND FAILURE TO ATTEND

- a) The Commission shall hold regular meetings at least once every month.
- b) If a member of the Commission does not attend two (2) consecutive regular meetings unless excused by the Commission, that member's membership thereon shall terminate automatically; provided, however, that if a member misses more than twenty-five (25) percent of all the regular and adjourned regular meetings in any four (4) consecutive calendar quarters unless excused in advance by the City Council, that member's membership shall terminate automatically; and provided further that a member will be deemed absent from a meeting unless the member is present during at least two-thirds (2/3) of the time of the entire meeting.

### SECTION 13.15.7. - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

- a) The Commission shall perform any duties assigned to it by other provisions of this Code.
- b) The Commission may make recommendations to the City Council on matters concerning cultural and fine arts within the community; including, but not limited to, the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

- c) The Commission shall advise the City Council in any cultural or fine arts matters when so requested by the City Council. As appropriate, before making such recommendations or rendering such advice, it shall seek input from the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, or other community-based arts organizations prior to reaching a final determination.
- d) With respect to communications matters, the Commission shall also make recommendations to the City Council, when the Council is acting in its capacity as the City of Torrance Cable Television Public Access Foundation, on matters concerning public access programming for cable television.
- e) The Commission shall advise the City Council acting as such foundation on any communications matters, when so requested by the City Council-Foundation.
- f) The Commission shall act on any such matters delegated to it by the City Council-Foundation, subject to the appeal of its decision to the City Council-Foundation.
- g) The Commission shall make an annual report to the City Council of its activities for the previous year and shall make such other reports as it may deem necessary or proper.

SECTION 13.15.8. - RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Commission shall establish such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for its government and for the faithful performance of its duties.

**SECTION 3**

This ordinance will take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days following adoption this ordinance will be published at least once in the Daily Breeze, a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

Introduced and approved this \_\_\_ day of May, 2012

Adopted and passed this \_\_\_ day of May, 2012.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk