

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012 – 08**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH  
NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION  
IN THE TOWN OF NASHVILLE IN THE STATE OF INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the State of Indiana, by Resolution No. 48, recognized Brown County, Indiana as “The Art Colony of the Midwest”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown County community formed Vision 2020 as a strategic initiative of facilitating a coordinated plan for local arts, events, and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nashville supports collaborations among the arts community, business interests, service groups, schools, art patrons and artists for optimum utilization of artistic resources and talents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nashville is dedicated to developing the cultural climate of Nashville to enhance the community, create a visually pleasing environment, and support the growth of the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nashville promotes awareness of the arts as vital to our cultural heritage, ethnic diversity, and our contemporary lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nashville strives to provide access to the region’s best arts and culture for all its citizens and guests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nashville will create long range plans for the expansion of arts and culture within the town and opportunities for our residents and guests to experience art in public places.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: Definitions:

A. “Arts”

Works produced by human creative skill and imagination, including but not limited to painting, sculpture, music, theater, dance, film, and photography.

B. “Entertainment”

Events, performances, or activities designed to provide amusement or enjoyment to humans.

C. “Commission”

An advisory body created and empowered pursuant to Section 2 of this Ordinance.

D. “Community”

The Town of Nashville and its environs and including residents of the Town and the surrounding areas of Brown County, Indiana.

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Section 2: Structure of Commission:

- A. Appointments: The Commission is an advisory body with no less than 7 and no more than 9 members of the Commission. Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Nashville Town Council. No appointee can be a member of the Town Council. All should be conversant with the arts and/or experienced with community issues.
- B. Terms: Initial terms of the newly formed Commission will expire January 1, 2013. Thereafter, appointees will serve staggered two (2) or three (3) year terms. The commission may make monthly reports to the Town Council. Members of the Commission shall serve without salary or compensation. The Commission will elect officers, which will include a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary.
- C. Meeting and records: Commission meetings are subject to the Indiana Open Door Act. The Commission shall hold regular public meetings. The Commission shall keep minutes of those meetings, and records of all official actions shall be made available to the public upon approval of the minutes by the Commission.
- D. Funding: The Commission will have the authority to solicit and accept donations as well as grants from state and federal agencies. The Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Nashville shall maintain all funds. The Town Council may establish a line item for this Commission.
- E. Procedures: The Commission shall establish its own procedures and rules for the transaction of its business.

Section 3: Responsibilities of the Commission

- A. Responsibilities: The Commission's responsibilities include but are not limited to: Develop and maintain strong relationships within the art community of the Town of Nashville and its region; Encourage, assist, advise, and coordinate an arts, cultural, and entertainment district within the town of Nashville; Study and recommend guidelines and procedures to develop and encourage:
  - a. Education
  - b. Events
  - c. Innovation and community participation in visual literary and performing arts
  - d. Public Art

**This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.**

**IT IS SO ORDAINED ON THIS 17th day of MAY 2012 BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL.**

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