

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND ENDORSING THE VENICE AREA BEAUTIFICATION, INC. PUBLIC ART FUND AS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF PROVIDING ENHANCED PUBLIC ART WITHIN THE CITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Venice (“City”) recognizes the important role that public art plays in enhancing community character, cultural identity, placemaking, and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to encourage and support the creation, installation, and maintenance of publicly visible art, including but not limited to murals, sculptures, statues, and other forms of public art, throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained a long-standing and successful partnership with Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI), a local nonprofit organization, through annually renewed partnership funding agreements under which VABI provides valuable beautification, landscaping, volunteer coordination, and enhancement services that directly benefit the City’s downtown, parks, and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, VABI’s mission to enhance the visual character, cultural vibrancy, and sense of place within the City aligns directly with the City’s goals for public art, placemaking, and community enrichment through the installation of murals, sculptures, statues, and other publicly visible art; and

WHEREAS, VABI established and maintains a Venice area public art fund to exclusively support publicly visible art projects within the City, including but not limited to murals, sculptures, statues, and other forms of public art that enhance public spaces and community character.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that recognizing and endorsing the Venice area public art fund will encourage a unified community effort to support public art, enhance the ability to grow the fund, and create new opportunities for publicly visible art in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby recognizes and endorses the Venice area public art fund as an important financial contributor to the City’s efforts to enhance the visual character, cultural vibrancy, and sense of place within the City.

SECTION 3. The City will promote public awareness and community participation in the Venice area public art fund through the sharing of promotional materials and referral of public art donors.

SECTION 4. City endorsement of this fund does not alter the City’s established public art review and approval process. All proposed public art projects shall continue to require staff review, Citizen Advisory Board review, and City Council approval, as applicable.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

Nick Pachota, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

I, Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by Venice City Council at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 23rd day of June, 2026, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the said city this 23rd day of June, 2026.

Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved as to form:

Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney