

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *KC* Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT MURAL POLICY

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

As requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners on February 14, 2023, Administrative Operations is providing a report on the Fire Department policy for mural artwork. There currently is no Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) specific policy for murals, however there is a policy for "Alterations and Improvements" to Fire Station Facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:
Receive and File.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Department. All work locations that desire to have a mural are responsible for the complete cost.

DISCUSSION

The LAFD and the City of Los Angeles both recognize that mural artwork on City-owned property beautifies public spaces and builds a sense of community. Fire Station murals can improve the work environment and are one of a variety of ways LAFD members can contribute to the Department's goal to embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion. Murals are a positive contribution to LAFD that is highly valued, however approval is required even still in all instances.

The Manual of Operations 8/3-80.01 Alterations and Improvement states: "Requests for alterations, improvements, additions, or installations to any Fire Department facility shall be submitted on an F-225 and forwarded, through channels, to the respective Bureau Commander." An original art work mural would fall into this category.

CONCLUSION

Mural artwork is an important tradition of the LAFD that adds to the culture and beauty of Los Angeles. To ensure this privilege continues, it is imperative that an official process to manage mural artwork be followed. The collaborative effort of LAFD members and leadership, along with contribution from the community will ensure successful continuation of this highly valued cultural heritage.

Board report prepared by Battalion Chief Justin G. Moore, Executive Officer,
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