

## **COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT**

Policy No. 49  
General Subject: Finance  
Specific Subject: Cultural Arts Support Policy  
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### **PURPOSE**

To establish a policy to support the Park Ridge Cultural Organizations through financial solicitation.

### **RATIONALE**

The Mayor and City Council understand the importance of providing cultural opportunities to the residents of the City of Park Ridge. They believe that the many cultural organizations in Park Ridge that provide these services and events to the residents foster a sense of community. The City endorses the concept that public funds may be used to provide financial support to a private non-governmental organization when such organization provides a service that is deemed to be of substantial benefit to the community.

When City revenues are unable to support such funding for the Park Ridge Cultural Arts organizations, the City will assist by soliciting financial support through the purchase of an additional vehicle sticker that residents can purchase and display in her personal vehicles to visibly show their support for cultural activities in the City.

### **POLICY**

1. Only not-for-profit cultural organizations in the City that are approved per Council Policy Statement 6 shall be eligible for funds raised from any solicitation.
2. The cost of annual stickers and the percentage of distribution of collected funds to qualified community groups will be determined during the annual budget process.
3. The City shall provide financial support of this effort by purchasing the vehicle stickers that will be sold to residents.
4. The Cultural vehicle sticker solicitation will be included with the City mailing to residents that notifies residents about their annual purchase of City vehicle stickers.