

NEW ROCHELLE, NY
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 331,
ZONING CODE, RE: DEFINITION OF ARTIST

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the City of New Rochelle, New York, will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Chapter 331 of the Code of the City of New Rochelle, Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and Sections 277.61 and 277.71 of the County Administrative Code, on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 7:00 P. M., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 515 North Avenue, New Rochelle, New York, on the proposed action, as follows:

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 331-4, SPECIFIC TERMS DEFINED, OF CHAPTER 331, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE (ARTIST).

WHEREAS, since 2015, the City of New Rochelle has taken significant steps toward creating an inviting City for artists and artisans to live, work and grow; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted an Arts + Cultural District Master Plan in November 2016, which established a downtown Arts + Cultural District Boundary and put forth goals such as attracting, protecting, growing and celebrating the unique arts identity of New Rochelle, as well as “Add[ing] and protect[ing] affordable options for creative people to work and live.”; and

WHEREAS, the City took further steps in establishing specific community benefits for developments that provide meaningful space for arts and cultural organizations at a substantial discount for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate the anticipated influx of artists, the City must establish a process for defining ‘who’ an artist is, and qualifying artists so that they may be matched to the newly-created housing and live/work spaces; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends the City amend its zoning to add a definition for “Artist”, and vest the Municipal Art Commission with the responsibility and duty of certifying artists within the City; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of New Rochelle:

Section 1. Section 331-4, Specific Terms Defined, of Chapter 331, Zoning, of the Code of the City of New Rochelle is hereby amended as follows:

§331-4. Specific terms defined.

ARTIST

An individual who practices one of the fine, graphic, musical, culinary, literary, technological or performing arts; or an individual whose profession relies on the application of the above-mentioned skills to produce a unique creative product; e.g., an architect, craftsperson, chef,

photographer, teacher of art/music/dance, or other qualified individual, as certified by the Municipal Arts Commission.

Matter underlined added.

All persons interested are invited to attend said Public Hearing or submit written communications to the City Clerk at or before the Public Hearing.

By order of the City Council dated May 14, 2019, pursuant to Resolution duly adopted.
Michelle Oliveros, City Clerk