Mural Regulations

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Murals



Why

Concerns expressed during Citizen
 Comment

What

 City Council request to further discuss murals – process, allowances

Who

 3 Planning Divisions (Long Range Planning, Neighborhood Services, Development Review Enterprise), City Attorney's Office, Cultural Services

Where

 Private property, but also impactful to the public realm

How

- Current COS practice Planning and Cultural Services
- Researched several CO and National jurisdictions for "best practices".
- Legal assessment

Presentation Overview



Current Regulations

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Neighborhood Services

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Public Art Process

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UDC – Public Art & Research

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UDC Section 7.6.301

Mural definition

A picture on an exterior surface of a structure. A mural is a sign only if it is related by language, logo, or pictorial depiction to the advertisement of any product or service or the identification of any business located on the premise.

Sign Definition

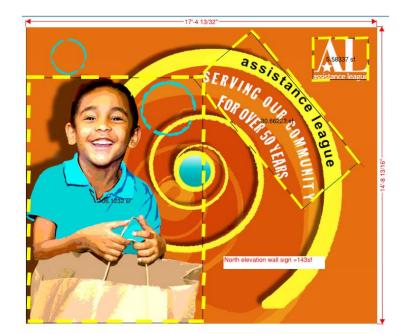
Any name, figure, character, outline, display, announcement, or devise, or structure supporting the same, or any other devise of similar nature designed to attract the attention of a passerby to a building or structure, and shall include all parts, portions, units, and materials composing the same, together with the frame, background and supports or anchoring thereof. A sign shall not include any architectural or landscape features that may also attract attentions.



UDC Table 7.4.13-D – Minor Sign Types

Mural -

- Allowed in all use classifications
- No permit required unless:
 - Any portion of the mural is considered a sign in which it will deduct from the wall signage for that wall.
 - Section 7.4.1305 Wall Sign area allowed up to three (geometric shapes).













Neighborhood Services



§9.6.603: DEFINITIONS: GRAFFITI: Any writing, word, symbol, figure, design or other inscribed material written, sprayed, painted or otherwise applied to any exterior surface of a building, wall, fence, tree, sidewalk, curb or other permanently fixed object without the authority or consent of the property owner.

- ✓ Private Property Free of Charge (with owner consent)
 - ✓ Public Property
 - ✓ Proactive & Reactive To Complaints (50/50 split)
- ✓ Great Collaboration with Parks, Recreation, Cultural Services Department



2022

Locations Cleaned: 1,977 Individual Tags: 9,003

2023 (Jan - May)*

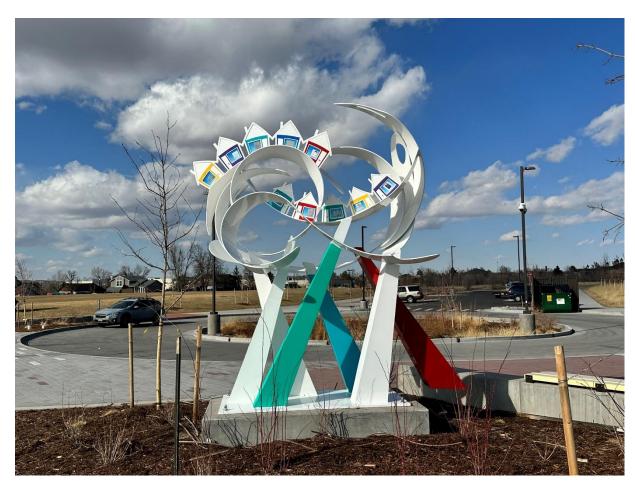
Locations Cleaned: 1,581 Individual Tags: 7,160

318 Gallons of Paint

- ✓ SoyClean
- ✓ Pressure Wash
 - ✓ Sandblast
 - ✓ Spraypaint
- ✓ Sand/Scrape/Other
- *Rotating FTE Provides 2x Coverage

Public Art Process





"Community Imagination" by Joshua Weiner, a community driven art project funded by grants in conjunction with the redevelopment of Panorama Park. (City of Colorado Springs, 2023)



"I've Been Dreaming to Be a Tree" by Byeong Doo Moon at Cascade and Colorado Ave (Donated by Community Ventures, 2018)

UDC - Public Art



Allowances that have been permitted as **opportunities** –

- PDZ rezonings (community amenity);
- Alternative requirement for building façade articulation; and
- Development Standards Adjustment (compensating benefit).

All require neighborhood feedback and Public Art Commission (PAC) approval.

Research



Quick facts

- 19 Colorado jurisdictions responded (20 contacted)
- 22 National jurisdictions responded (50 contacted)
- Majority of jurisdictions do not regulate murals, unless it qualifies as signage.





Mural

Sign