

GUIDELINES FOR ARTISTS EXHIBITING IN THE ATRIUM GALLERY of the MORRIS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION & RECORDS BUILDING

Purpose:

The purpose of these guidelines is to allow for the exhibition of works of art by artists in a welcoming, comfortable and inclusive environment.

In recent years, due to space limitations in the Morris County Courthouse building, the Judiciary has gradually occupied more space in the Administration & Records Building and now considers the building a Court House – with offices and courtrooms on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th floors, along with Prosecutor's offices on the 3rd floor. Given the important functions of a courthouse, all works of art exhibited in the Administration & Records Building shall be required to strictly adhere to these guidelines.

The Judiciary's four paramount core values are: independence, integrity, fairness and quality service, which are essential to insuring the fair, impartial and neutral functioning of the courts. Therefore, in order to avoid compromising the Judiciary's core values, all artwork will be carefully screened to insure that they do not contain the following elements. Note that this list is not all-inclusive. The Judiciary reserves the right to refuse exhibition of works that may not contain any of the below elements, but which are nevertheless determined to violate the Judiciary's core values:

- Sexually explicit imagery/nudity;
- Political opinions;
- Religious symbols;
- Violent images;
- Racially insensitive images;
- Any works that disparage historically marginalized groups;
- Any physical components that could be considered weapons; and
- Any depictions of illegal activity, including illegal drug use.

PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF ARTWORK

It is imperative that Morris Arts communicate these new guidelines to their interested artists. An understanding of the criteria for approving artwork that can be exhibited in the Atrium Gallery is essential.

Morris Arts will only accept artwork for consideration in the exhibit that respect the Judiciary's core values and do not contain images or objects listed above.

Any artwork that does not meet the criteria listed above may be moved to the 5th Floor or removed from the show entirely. While Morris Arts will generally decide if specific works of art are appropriate for exhibition in the Administration & Records Building, the Judiciary and the County each retain the unequivocal right to veto the display of any art

deemed to violate the Judiciary's core values and/or which are deemed to be otherwise inappropriate for display.

There will be no process for appealing the exhibition decisions of Morris Arts, the County and/or the Judiciary.

If, at any time after an exhibit opens, the Judiciary and/or the County raises an objection to an artwork, Morris Arts shall either move the objectionable artwork to the 5th Floor or, if requested by the Judiciary or the County, remove the artwork from the show entirely. There shall be no process for appealing a decision of the Judiciary and/or the County.