

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT TWO DONATED LOWELL ELLSWORTH SMITH PAINTINGS FROM THE HUDSON SOCIETY OF ARTISTS.

WHEREAS, the Hudson Society of Artists plans to make a generous donation to the City of Hudson of two paintings, titled Winter Landscape and Fall Landscape with Two Figures, to be displayed and viewed by the public; and

WHEREAS, the painter, Lowell Ellsworth Smith, was an accomplished artist on the national stage; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Ellsworth Smith's western art is highly esteemed and can be found in galleries in Santa Fe and elsewhere in the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Ellsworth Smith was a long-time Hudson resident, residing at 152 Elm Street, where he lived and contributed to the community for decades; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Ellsworth Smith was the founder of the Hudson Society of Artists, taught at his studio at Turner's Mill during the 1980's and had a studio at 147 Bard Drive during the late 1990's into the early 2000's; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Hudson and its residents to accept this donation; and,

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to accept the donation of the paintings and express its sincere appreciation to the Hudson Society of Artists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to accept the Hudson Society of Artists' donation of two art pieces by Lowell Ellsworth Smith. The paintings are:

(a) **Winter Landscape**, a watercolor painting by Lowell Ellsworth Smith; and

(b) **Fall Landscape with Two Figures**, a watercolor painting by Lowell Ellsworth Smith.

Both paintings were donated to the Hudson Society of Artists by Phillip B. Potter and Richard W. Potter, two brothers who inherited them upon the passing of their mother, Faye Louise Potter, in 2019.

Section 2. These two art pieces shall be hung and displayed for public purposes in an open viewing space in Hudson City Hall. The paintings shall also have a nearby plaque that provides the following, or language similar thereto:

These paintings by Lowell Ellsworth Smith were donated to the City of Hudson in January 2026, by the Hudson Society of Artists through the generosity of Phillip B. Potter and Richard W. Potter, who inherited them from their mother.

Section 3. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 26-17 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2026.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council