

# Public Art & Murals

## Who should read this guide?

Anyone considering painting or installing an artwork in the city.

## Property Owner Approval

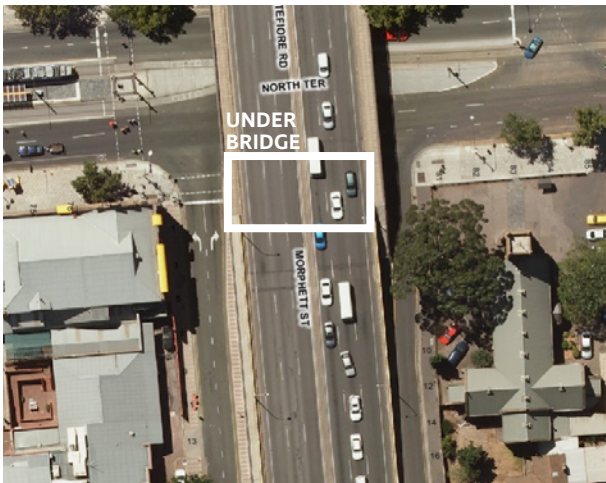
If you've identified a building or location as a good site for your artwork, please first contact the property owner to seek their permission to use it. Permission must be in writing and signed by the owner. To find out who owns a particular property in the city, please contact the Land Services Group; the State Government agency which keeps records of land titles. Having a well-presented mock-up of the artwork to show the property owner may help in seeking their approval.

Before starting your artwork, you will have to apply to Council for certain approvals and permits to ensure that:

- the location and content of your proposed artwork is appropriate
- the area and artwork are structurally sound
- you and the public will be safe while the artwork is being constructed.

## Development Approval

Development Approval must be applied for before an artwork can be painted or installed. To apply please visit: [cityofadelaide.com.au/da](http://cityofadelaide.com.au/da)



**EXAMPLE OF SUBMITTED INFORMATION**  
Site Map – Morphett Street Bridge

## Development Application Requirements

Lodge your Development Application online at: [cityofadelaide.com.au/da](http://cityofadelaide.com.au/da) with the following:

- A Lodgement fee is required at the time of lodging your application online. Council will invoice you for any other required fees.
- Written permission from the property owner.
- A timeline showing how long the artwork is to remain.
- Photos of the building or location where the artwork will be located (example below left).
- A plan of the site which illustrates where the artwork will be located in relation to roads, buildings etc. This can be done as a simple diagram (example overleaf).
- A colour design of the artwork (to scale) outlining what mediums will be used (e.g. aerosol, mosaic, acrylic paint). Artwork must not point to any belief or idea at the exclusion of others and be suitable for display in the public realm.
- If you plan to paint your artwork on boards and attach the boards to a wall, or install other objects onto a building, you must provide an explanation of how you will do this (an engineering report may be required).
- Details of any protection against corrosion / anti-graffiti protection (if applicable).
- Details of a maintenance plan.

Once you receive your development approval, which may take approximately 4 weeks to assess, you will have one year to start work on the site before the approval lapses.

It is advisable to include the Development Approval number on any mural artworks to safeguard against its accidental removal.

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## Local and State Heritage Places

A mural may not be appropriate on a Local or State Heritage place. Please seek advice from a Council Planner if you propose a mural on a heritage listed building.

## City Works Permit

For us to determine whether your chosen artwork location is safe, you will need to apply for a City Works Permit which will allow you to carry out the different types of activities related to the construction or maintenance of your artwork. This includes, for example, locating or storing your tools (paints, ladders, scaffolding etc) on the footpath or road.

The City Works Permit application needs to include:

- a completed City Works application form
- a copy of your Development Approval
- a Traffic Management Plan of the site which illustrates the areas you will be using and what set-up you will have to ensure that pedestrians, cyclists and motorists still have safe and convenient movement and access around the site in accordance with Australian Standards
- (if required) a permit for temporary road closures or a permit for parking control alterations
- details of your public liability insurance.

For City Works Permit applications please visit: [cityofadelaide.com.au/city-works-permit](http://cityofadelaide.com.au/city-works-permit)

Please remember to allow for appropriate periods in your project timeline for City Works Permits, Temporary Road Closures or permits for Parking Control Alterations to be processed. You can find out the timelines and fees for these permits by contacting our Permit Officers at [cityworks@cityofadelaide.com.au](mailto:cityworks@cityofadelaide.com.au)

## Public Liability Insurance

All artists working in the public realm are required to have public liability insurance of \$20,000,000. This is to protect you from anyone who might make a claim against you for bodily injury or property damage caused by negligent action on your part.

## Further Information

This guide has been developed to assist artists through the process of obtaining Development Approval. For further information or to discuss your specific requirements, please contact Council's Development Assessment team on **08 8203 7185** or [d.planner@cityofadelaide.com.au](mailto:d.planner@cityofadelaide.com.au).



**EXAMPLE OF SUBMITTED INFORMATION**  
Location under Morphett Street Bridge (before work commenced) – Artwork to be installed on southern pylons



**EXAMPLE OF SUBMITTED INFORMATION**  
Mock-up of the proposed artwork for the southern pylons. Material: aerosol paint