

SANIBEL FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

SANIBEL ADOPT-A-HYDRANT

ART PROGRAM

Application, Program Rules and Participant Agreement

PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITY FIRST | COMMUNITY ART SECOND

Before applying

A \$75 nonrefundable application, processing and inspection fee is required for each hydrant application. Payment does not guarantee approval, assignment of a requested hydrant, or continued display of artwork. Do not purchase materials or begin cleaning or painting until SFRD issues written approval.

Basic eligibility

- Applicants and all painting participants must be at least 18 years old.
- Eligible applicants include Sanibel residents, Sanibel property owners, Sanibel-based businesses, and eligible organizations. A nonlocal artist may participate only as the designated artist for an eligible applicant.
- Temporary visitors are not eligible to independently adopt a hydrant.
- An applicant may have only one active hydrant application at a time unless SFRD authorizes additional applications.

Application checklist

- ☐ Completed application and signed participant agreement.
- ☐ \$75 application, processing and inspection fee.
- ☐ Current photograph of the requested hydrant and surrounding area.
- ☐ Full-color front and rear design renderings.
- ☐ List of proposed colors and exterior metal paint products.
- ☐ Adjacent property owner or occupant acknowledgement, unless waived by SFRD.

Submit completed materials to Sanibel Fire & Rescue District. SFRD reserves the right to approve, deny, condition, reassign, modify or withdraw any request.

HYDRANT ART APPLICATION

Fee

Application fee: \$75 per hydrant. The fee covers application processing, hydrant and location review, design review, recordkeeping and final inspection. The fee is nonrefundable and does not purchase advertising, sponsorship, naming rights, exclusivity or approval.

Applicant information

Applicant / organization name	Primary contact name
Mailing address	City / state / ZIP
Phone	Email
Applicant eligibility	☐ Sanibel resident ☐ Property owner ☐ Sanibel business ☐ Organization
Designated artist, if different	Artist phone / email

Requested hydrant and site

Requested address or nearest intersection	Hydrant ID, if known
Hydrant is adjacent to	☐ Applicant property ☐ Other private property ☐ Public property
Adjacent property owner / occupant	Phone / email
Requested painting date	Estimated completion date

Applicant understands: A requested hydrant is not guaranteed. SFRD will make the final hydrant assignment based on condition, location, visibility, maintenance needs, replacement plans, access and public safety.

Design proposal

Design title:
Describe the theme, imagery and connection to Sanibel or the surrounding area:
List all proposed colors:
List the exterior metal paint, primer and clear coat products to be used:
Explain how the design will remain bright and visible from normal approaches:
Explain any business or occupational theme and why it will not function as advertising:

DESIGN RENDERINGS

The completed artwork must substantially match these approved renderings. Show the proposed artist signature and all colors.

FRONT VIEW

DRAW OR ATTACH FULL-COLOR DESIGN HERE

REAR VIEW

DRAW OR ATTACH FULL-COLOR DESIGN HERE

Artist signature location and size: _____

One artist signature is permitted in one location and must fit entirely within a 3-inch-by-3-inch area. No business or organization name, website, phone number, social-media handle, QR code or promotional wording may be included.

PROGRAM RULES AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Authority

SFRD owns the hydrants and is the sole approving authority for this program. Island Water Association installs hydrants and performs other maintenance. All design, assignment, modification, renewal and removal decisions made by SFRD are final.

- 1. Ownership and priority.** Every participating hydrant remains the property of SFRD. Hydrant visibility, emergency use, inspection, testing, flushing, greasing, repair, maintenance and replacement take priority over artwork at all times.
- 2. District removal authority.** SFRD may alter, cover, paint over or remove artwork at any time and for any reason SFRD determines appropriate, with or without prior notice. No reimbursement, compensation, replacement materials or restoration will be provided.
- 3. Approval term.** Approval is valid for up to three years from final inspection unless SFRD establishes a different term. Approval does not guarantee that artwork will remain displayed for any minimum period.
- 4. Application period and completion.** Applications are accepted year-round. Approved artwork must be completed within 60 days after written approval unless SFRD grants an extension.
- 5. October restriction.** No cleaning or painting may occur during October because SFRD conducts hydrant inspection, maintenance, greasing and flushing. If the 60-day period overlaps October, the deadline will be extended by the affected October days.
- 6. Exact approved design.** The completed artwork must substantially match the approved design and colors. No redesign, repainting, removal or material change is permitted without additional written approval from SFRD.
- 7. Visibility.** Artwork must remain bright, contrasting and easy for first responders to locate. Predominantly dark, camouflage or blending designs may be denied. A hydrant may not be painted one solid color merely to match a home, business, landscaping or surrounding area.
- 8. No advertising.** No company name, organization name, slogan, logo, trademark, trade dress, mascot, website, QR code, phone number, social-media handle, product promotion, sponsorship recognition or other advertising is allowed on a hydrant.
- 9. Business themes.** A general, non-identifying business or occupational theme may be considered, but the design may not reasonably function as branding or advertising for a particular company, organization, person, product or service.
- 10. Artist signature.** One artist signature is permitted in one location, no larger than 3 inches by 3 inches. The signature must be shown on the submitted design and may contain only the artist name, initials or recognizable signature.
- 11. Prohibited content.** Artwork may not contain political campaign content, issue advocacy, religious advocacy, profanity, obscenity, sexual imagery, hateful or discriminatory imagery, gang references, graphic violence, illegal activity, copyrighted or trademarked characters, or imagery SFRD determines inappropriate, unsafe or likely to distract drivers.
- 12. Materials.** Only exterior or outdoor paint intended for metal may be used. Metal-compatible primer and clear coat are allowed. Spray paint is allowed. Stickers, decals, wraps, adhesive material and three-dimensional objects are prohibited.
- 13. Cleaning.** Pressure washing is allowed while the hydrant remains fully assembled and in service. Chemical paint stripper, harsh solvents or methods that remove the existing coating to bare metal are prohibited unless SFRD gives written approval.
- 14. Caps and operation.** Hydrant caps may be painted only while fully secured in their installed position. Removing, loosening or attempting to remove a hydrant cap is prohibited. Operating or attempting to operate the hydrant, turning an operating nut, flushing or discharging water, manipulating a valve, testing the hydrant or interfering with any hydrant component is prohibited.
- 15. Worksite safety.** Cleaning and painting must occur during daylight and suitable weather. Participants may not block or obstruct a road, driveway, sidewalk or shared-use path, establish traffic control, or create a hazard. Work must stop immediately when directed by SFRD, IWA, the City of Sanibel or law enforcement.
- 16. Access.** The hydrant must remain visible and immediately accessible throughout the project. Materials, covers or equipment may not prevent identification or emergency access.
- 17. Site and environmental protection.** Drop cloths and reasonable overspray controls must be used. Paint, primer, clear coat, solvents, wash water and debris may not enter streets, drains, soil, vegetation or waterways. All waste and materials must be removed when work is complete.
- 18. Damage and cleanup.** The applicant is responsible for spills, overspray, cleanup and damage caused by the project, including damage to vehicles, buildings, pavement, landscaping or other property. The \$75 fee does not cover extraordinary cleanup or repairs.

PROGRAM RULES AND DESIGN STANDARDS - CONTINUED

- 19. No minors.** Applicants, artists and all persons participating in cleaning or painting must be at least 18 years old.
- 20. Completion notice and inspection.** The applicant must notify SFRD when the artwork is complete and provide requested photographs. The project is not accepted until SFRD completes a final inspection. Any deficiency must be corrected as directed.
- 21. Maintenance.** The participant must keep the artwork clean, bright, visible and consistent with the approved design during the approval term. Only approved maintenance and touch-ups are permitted.
- 22. Vandalism.** If artwork is vandalized or damaged, the participant must restore the original approved design within 30 days after notification. SFRD may immediately cover or remove obscene, hateful, offensive, unsafe or otherwise inappropriate vandalism. SFRD is not responsible for investigating vandalism, identifying the responsible party, supplying materials or restoring the artwork.
- 23. Normal maintenance damage.** SFRD and IWA will not change their current emergency, inspection, testing, flushing, greasing, repair, installation, replacement or maintenance practices to protect artwork. They are not responsible for fading, staining, chipping, alteration or loss of artwork.
- 24. Replacement or relocation.** If a hydrant is replaced, relocated, repaired or removed from service, SFRD will not restore the artwork. A new application, fee and written approval are required before a different or replacement hydrant may be painted.
- 25. Abandonment.** Approval may be terminated if contact information becomes invalid, the participant fails to respond, required maintenance is not completed, an organization or business closes, or the project is left incomplete. SFRD may then paint over or remove the artwork.
- 26. Adjacent property acknowledgement.** The adjoining property owner or occupant must acknowledge the proposed artwork unless SFRD waives the requirement. Acknowledgement is not ownership, permission or veto authority and does not transfer control of the hydrant.
- 27. Recognition.** SFRD may, but is not required to, recognize the artist, applicant, business or organization on a District website, social-media account, map, publication or other District-controlled communication. Participation does not create sponsorship, endorsement, naming rights or exclusivity.
- 28. Unauthorized painting or tampering.** Painting, marking, decorating, modifying or otherwise altering a hydrant without prior written approval is prohibited. Unauthorized painting, damage or interference may be reported to law enforcement and, depending on the circumstances, may constitute vandalism, criminal mischief, interference with fire-suppression equipment or another violation of law. SFRD may seek restitution for repainting, repairs, water loss, staff time and other costs.

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

Applicant / organization _____	Assigned hydrant ID / location _____
Approved design title _____	Approval date _____

Read and initial

The applicant is responsible for ensuring that every participant follows the approved design, these rules and all directions issued by SFRD, IWA and the City of Sanibel.

- Initials: _____ 1. Ownership and public safety.** I understand that the hydrant is owned by SFRD and is a critical public safety utility. Artwork is temporary and secondary to emergency operations and maintenance.
- Initials: _____ 2. Fee and no guarantee.** I understand that the \$75 fee is nonrefundable and that payment does not guarantee approval, a requested location or continued display.
- Initials: _____ 3. Approved work only.** I will clean and paint only the hydrant assigned in writing and will follow the approved design, colors, products, schedule and conditions.
- Initials: _____ 4. No unauthorized changes.** I will not redesign, repaint, remove or materially change the artwork without prior written approval.
- Initials: _____ 5. Caps and operation.** I will not remove or loosen a hydrant cap or operate, flush, test, discharge water from or otherwise manipulate the hydrant.
- Initials: _____ 6. Materials and attachments.** I will use only exterior metal paint and approved materials. I will not apply stickers, decals, wraps, adhesive material or three-dimensional objects.
- Initials: _____ 7. Safety and site control.** I accept responsibility for safe work practices, daylight work, site protection, overspray control, cleanup and keeping roads, driveways, sidewalks and shared-use paths open.
- Initials: _____ 8. Immediate access.** I will stop work and clear the hydrant immediately when directed or when it is needed for emergency use, inspection, testing, maintenance or repair.
- Initials: _____ 9. Completion and inspection.** I will complete the work within the approved period, notify SFRD, provide requested photographs and correct any deficiency identified during inspection.
- Initials: _____ 10. Maintenance and vandalism.** I will maintain the approved artwork and restore ordinary vandalism or damage within 30 days after notification unless SFRD removes or covers it.
- Initials: _____ 11. Maintenance may damage artwork.** I understand that SFRD and IWA will not alter their practices to protect artwork and that emergency use, weather, vandalism, flushing, greasing, testing, repair or replacement may damage or remove it.
- Initials: _____ 12. Removal without compensation.** I understand that SFRD may alter, cover or remove the artwork at any time and that I am not entitled to compensation, reimbursement or restoration.
- Initials: _____ 13. Original work and intellectual property.** I represent that the design is original or properly authorized and does not violate another party's copyright, trademark or other rights.
- Initials: _____ 14. Photography and recognition.** I grant SFRD permission to photograph, reproduce and publish the artwork and participation for governmental, educational, historical and program-promotional purposes without compensation.
- Initials: _____ 15. Assumption of risk.** I voluntarily assume the risks associated with traffic, bicycles, pedestrians, weather, heat, insects, uneven ground, pressure washing, tools, paint, solvents, overspray and work near a public utility.
- Initials: _____ 16. Release.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, I release and hold harmless SFRD, IWA, the City of Sanibel and their elected officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from claims arising from my participation, except to the extent a claim cannot lawfully be released.
- Initials: _____ 17. Indemnification.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless SFRD, IWA, the City of Sanibel and their elected officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from third-party claims, damages, liabilities, costs and reasonable attorney fees arising from my acts, omissions, design, materials or participation.
- Initials: _____ 18. Public records.** I understand that the application, design, photographs, correspondence and related records may be public records subject to disclosure under Florida law.
- Initials: _____ 19. Final authority.** I understand that SFRD decisions concerning approval, location, inspection, maintenance, renewal, alteration and removal are final.

Applicant acknowledgement: I have read and agree to the complete application, program rules and participant agreement. I certify that the information submitted is accurate and that all participants will be at least 18 years old.

_____ Applicant / authorized representative signature	_____ Date
_____ Printed name	_____ Organization and title, if applicable

ADJACENT PROPERTY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Acknowledgement only

This acknowledgement is intended to provide notice and confirm awareness. The hydrant is owned and controlled by SFRD. Signing does not transfer ownership or control and does not create approval, veto, maintenance or removal authority. SFRD may waive this acknowledgement requirement.

Hydrant location / ID _____	Adjacent property address _____
Property owner / occupant name _____	Phone / email _____

Acknowledgement: I acknowledge that an application has been submitted to place approved artwork on the SFRD-owned hydrant adjacent to the property identified above. I understand that SFRD may approve, deny, modify, maintain, alter or remove the artwork at any time.

Property owner / occupant signature _____	Date _____
Printed name _____	Relationship to property _____

SFRD waiver of acknowledgement, if applicable: Reason: _____

Authorized by: _____ Date: _____

SFRD Use Only - Application and Preliminary Review

Application number	Date received
Fee received	☐ Yes Amount: \$_____ Receipt / reference: _____
Applicant eligibility	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Requested hydrant	☐ Approved ☐ Reassigned ☐ Denied
Hydrant condition / service life	☐ Acceptable ☐ Repair needed ☐ Replacement planned ☐ Other _____
Site safety / access	☐ Acceptable ☐ Conditions required ☐ Denied _____
Adjacent acknowledgement	☐ Received ☐ Waived ☐ Pending
Design review	☐ Approved ☐ Approved with conditions ☐ Revision required ☐ Denied _____
Approval date	Completion deadline
Approval expiration	Three years from final inspection unless otherwise noted
Conditions / notes	_____ _____

SFRD Approval

SFRD approving official signature _____	Date _____
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Printed name / title: _____ Application decision communicated by: _____

COMPLETION NOTICE AND FINAL INSPECTION

Applicant / organization _____	Hydrant ID / location _____
Date painting completed _____	Date SFRD notified _____
Completion photographs submitted _____	☐ Yes ☐ No _____

Applicant certification: I certify that the artwork is complete, substantially matches the approved design, uses the approved materials and has not been changed from the approved submission.

_____ Applicant signature	_____ Date
_____ Printed name	_____ Phone / email

SFRD Final Inspection

Inspection date	Inspector
Matches approved design	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Minor correction required
Bright and visible	☐ Yes ☐ No
No advertising / prohibited content	☐ Compliant ☐ Noncompliant
Artist signature	☐ Compliant ☐ Not present ☐ Noncompliant
Caps remain installed / no evidence of operation	☐ Compliant ☐ Concern noted
Site cleanup	☐ Acceptable ☐ Correction required
Final status	☐ Accepted ☐ Accepted with conditions ☐ Corrections required ☐ Rejected
Correction deadline	_____ _____
Inspection notes	_____ _____ _____
_____ SFRD inspector signature	_____ Date
_____ Printed name / title	_____ Next review / expiration date

Annual condition review

SFRD may review the condition of artwork during routine hydrant maintenance, including the October maintenance period. SFRD may direct repair, cover the artwork or remove it at any time.