



Guidelines for Submissions: Painting City Traffic Signal Cabinets

The City of Jonesboro invites artists from our community to participate in a beautification effort by painting city traffic signal cabinets. This project aims to bring color and creativity to our streets while celebrating local talent. We encourage artists of all ages and backgrounds to submit their designs. To ensure that all artwork is suitable for public display, please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **Positive and Inclusive Themes, Enhances Public Domain:** Artwork should reflect positive, uplifting, and inclusive themes that contribute to the beauty and vibrancy of our city. Beautification efforts to enhance the public domain are the main objectives.
2. **No Vulgarity:** Submissions should not include any vulgar, obscene, or inappropriate content. This includes language, symbols, or images that could be considered offensive.
3. **No Religious Content:** Designs should be free from any religious symbols, text, or imagery. This is to ensure that the artwork is inclusive and respectful of all beliefs and backgrounds.
4. **Original Work Only:** All submissions must be original works created by the artist. Plagiarism or the use of copyrighted material is strictly prohibited.
5. **Family-Friendly:** Designs should be appropriate for all ages and should not include any graphic or suggestive content. This includes, but is not limited to, hate speech, political statements, or content that could be interpreted as promoting violence or discrimination.
6. **Safety and Functionality:** While creativity is encouraged, the artwork should not interfere with the functionality or safety of the traffic signal cabinets. Designs should avoid using reflective or potentially hazardous materials.
7. **Design Specifics:** Ensure that your design covers the entire traffic signal cabinet. Artists may be asked to adjust their designs to fit the specific box dimensions. Must complete the painted design within 2 weeks of the start (with the exemption of extenuating circumstances- sickness, etc.) or the project may be turned over to another artist/painted over. All paintings will be on display for a minimum of 6 months. Due to weathering and a desire to allow area artists to have a chance for displaying art, this guarantee is for 6 months minimum, though will vary.



8. Submission Format: All designs should be submitted in a digital format (e.g., JPEG, PNG, PDF) along with a brief description of the concept and inspiration behind the artwork. All designs should represent the intended finished product of the project.

9. Selection Process: A panel consisting of The Public Art Commission and City Employees will review all submissions and select the designs that best meet the guidelines and vision for the project. Selected artists will be notified and provided with further instructions by the end of the month of the submission month.

We look forward to seeing your creativity brighten up the streets of Jonesboro! Thank you for your participation in making our city a more beautiful place to live.

Painting City Traffic Signal Cabinet Submissions Instructions

To submit a design for consideration for painting City Traffic Signal Cabinets, please see the following:

1. Submissions are received on a rolling basis via the submission form at: foajonesboro.org. Submissions are reviewed on the first week of the following months: February, May, August, November.
2. Submissions must adhere to the outlined rules in the Submissions Guidelines to be considered.
3. Your submission will be acknowledged with a follow-up email from foapublicart@foajonesboro.org confirming receipt of the design submission.
4. Please expect an email by the end of the review month (February, May, August, November) to notify if your submission was chosen as a Traffic Signal Cabinet design. The email will include next steps for your project.
5. If your submission is chosen as a Traffic Signal Cabinet design, you will receive instructions for the technicalities of painting the box, as well as instructions for picking up a \$100 gift card to help cover the expenses of painting the traffic signal cabinet. Once notified of your selection, artists have until the end of the quarter to begin painting (March, June, September, December). All boxes must be completed within two weeks of when the artist begins working on the traffic signal cabinet.



Communication for Submission Winner on Traffic Signal Cabinet Painting

Congratulations on your art design being selected for a City Traffic Signal Cabinet! We are grateful for your handiwork and investment in beautifying our city. We can't wait to see your design on the traffic signal cabinet located at: (location of box)!

Before getting started, if the traffic signal cabinet assigned to you has never been painted, please go over the information on how to prepare the box for painting, to ensure your design lasts through weathering as long as possible. Again, a reminder that every design is guaranteed to a minimum of 6 months for viewership. A helpful online guide can be found here: <https://www.wikihow.com/Paint-Aluminum> -or you may do a Google search to find another easy-to-use guide. Most importantly, please remember to clean the box with Dawn dish soap or vinegar, then apply a self-etching primer to help the paint bond to the surface, allowing the art to last.

If your traffic signal cabinet is a "repaint," please know that the self-etching primer will not be needed but do plan to paint a coat of paint over the entire box prior to beginning your design.

The City of Jonesboro has generously offered to provide a \$100 gift card to each artist/group to a local hardware store for paint and supplies. Please go to Ace Hardware on Highland Dr. to pick up your gift card- it will be at the register listed under the registered name.

Before beginning, we will need the Guidelines for Submissions: Painting City Traffic Signal Cabinets form to be signed as an agreement to adhere to the Guidelines.

Please let us know when you intend to begin working on the traffic signal cabinet painting, as there is a 2-week timeframe to complete the project. As a reminder, you must begin work on the traffic signal cabinet by the end of the quarter. We also would love to get footage of you/your team working together on the project to feature on social media.

Again- thank you so much for participating and investing your time and talent into City beautification efforts! We are grateful for you!