

amount of open space available to residents of, and visitors to, the Nation’s Capital, a site may be designated on land the Secretary administers in the District of Columbia.

(b) PLAN.—A designation may be made under subsection (a) only if, at least 120 days before the designation, the Secretary, in consultation with the Commission, prepares and submits to Congress a plan for the site. The plan shall include specifications for the location, construction, and administration of the site and criteria for displaying commemorative works at the site.

(c) RISK AND AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY.—A commemorative work displayed at the site shall be installed, maintained, and removed at the sole expense and risk of the person authorized to display the work. The person shall agree to indemnify the United States for any liability arising from the display of the commemorative work under this section.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1231.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8907(a)	40:1009(a) (1st sentence).	Pub. L. 99-652, §9, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3653; Pub. L. 103-321, §2(f), Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1795.
8907(b)	40:1009(a) (2d, last sentences).	
8907(c)	40:1009(b).	

§ 8908. Areas I and II

(a) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator of General Services (as appropriate) shall make available, for public inspection at appropriate offices of the National Park Service and the General Services Administration, the map entitled “Commemorative Areas Washington, DC and Environs”, numbered 869/86501 B, and dated June 24, 2003.

(b) SPECIFIC CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO AREA I AND AREA II.—

(1) AREA I.—After seeking the advice of the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, the Secretary or Administrator, as appropriate, may recommend the location of a commemorative work in Area I only if the Secretary or Administrator decides that the subject of the commemorative work is of pre-eminent historical and lasting significance to the United States. The Secretary or Administrator shall notify the Commission, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate of the recommendation that a commemorative work should be located in Area I. The location of a commemorative work in Area I is deemed to be authorized only if the recommendation is approved by law not later than 150 calendar days after the notification.

(2) AREA II.—Commemorative works of subjects of lasting historical significance to the American people may be located in Area II.

(c) RESERVE.—After the date of enactment of the Commemorative Works Clarification and Revision Act of 2003, no commemorative work or visitor center shall be located within the Reserve.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1231; Pub. L. 108–126, title II, §§202(b), 203(g), Nov. 17, 2003, 117 Stat. 1349, 1352; Pub. L. 111–11, title VII, §7116(e)(3), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1203.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8908(a)	40:1005.	Pub. L. 99-652, §5, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3651.
8908(b)	40:1006.	Pub. L. 99-652, §6, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3651; Pub. L. 103-321, §2(c), Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1794.

In subsection (b)(1), the words “the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate” are substituted for “the committees of Congress specified in section 1003(b) [sic] of this title” for clarity. The reference to section 1003(b) should be to section 1003(d).

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of the Commemorative Works Clarification and Revision Act of 2003, referred to in subsec. (c), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 108–126, which was approved Nov. 17, 2003.

AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 111–11 inserted “Advisory” before “Commission” in first sentence and substituted “Natural Resources of the House” for “House Administration of the House” in second sentence.

2003—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108–126, §203(g)(2), which directed substitution of “entitled ‘Commemorative Areas Washington, DC and Environs’, numbered 869/86501 B, and dated June 24, 2003” for “numbered 869/86581, and dated May 1, 1986”, was executed by making the substitution for “numbered 869/86501, and dated May 1, 1986” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 108–126, §203(g)(1), substituted “Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator of General Services (as appropriate)” for “Secretary of the Interior and Administrator of General Services”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108–126, §202(b), added subsec. (c).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendments by Pub. L. 108–126, except for the provision in the amendment made by section 202(b) prohibiting a visitor center from being located in the Reserve (as defined in section 8902 of this title), are not applicable to a commemorative work for which a site was approved in accordance with this chapter prior to Nov. 17, 2003, see section 205 of Pub. L. 108–126, set out as a note under section 8901 of this title.

§ 8909. Administrative

(a) MAINTENANCE OF DOCUMENTATION OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.—Complete documentation of design and construction of each commemorative work located in the District of Columbia and its environs shall be provided to the Secretary of the Interior or Administrator of General Services, as appropriate, and shall be permanently maintained in the manner provided by law.

(b) RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF COMPLETED WORK.—On completion of any commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, the Secretary or Administrator, as appropriate, shall assume responsibility for maintaining the work.

(c) REGULATIONS OR STANDARDS.—The Secretary and Administrator shall prescribe appropriate regulations or standards to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1231.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8909(a)	40:1010(a).	Pub. L. 99–652, §10(a), (c), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3654.
8909(b)	40:1010(c).	Pub. L. 99–652, §10(d), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3654; Pub. L. 103–321, §2(g), Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1795.
8909(c)	40:1010(d).	

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FEE FOR VETERANS' SPECIAL EVENTS

Pub. L. 117–328, div. DD, title VI, §642, Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5612, provided that:

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) MEMBER OF A GOLD STAR FAMILY.—The term ‘member of a Gold Star Family’ means any individual that meets the eligibility requirements of section 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction 1348.36 (or a successor instruction).

“(2) SPECIAL EVENTS.—The term ‘special events’ has the meaning given the term in section 7.96(g)(1) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation).

“(3) THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVIRONS.—The term ‘the District of Columbia and its environs’ has the meaning given the term in section 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code.

“(4) VETERAN.—The term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given the term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

“(5) VETERANS' SPECIAL EVENT.—The term ‘veterans' special event’ means a special event at which the majority of attendees are veterans or members of Gold Star Families.

“(6) WAR MEMORIAL.—The term ‘war memorial’ means any memorial or monument that has been erected or dedicated to commemorate a military unit, military group, war, conflict, victory, or peace.

“(b) WAIVER.—The application fee for any application for a special use permit, the sole purpose of which is to hold a veterans' special event at a war memorial on land administered by the National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs, shall be waived.

“(c) APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING LAWS.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), an applicant for a special use permit described in that subsection shall be subject to any other law (including regulations) or policy applicable to the application, issuance, or execution of the special use permit.

“(d) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to any special use permit application submitted after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 29, 2022].”

CHAPTER 91—COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Sec.	
9101.	Establishment, composition, and vacancies.
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§ 9101. Establishment, composition, and vacancies

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is a Commission of Fine Arts.

(b) COMPOSITION.—The Commission is composed of seven well-qualified judges of the fine

arts, appointed by the President, who serve for four years each or until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(c) VACANCIES.—The President shall fill vacancies on the Commission.

(d) EXPENSES.—Members of the Commission shall be paid actual expenses in traveling to and from the District of Columbia to attend Commission meetings and while attending those meetings.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1232.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9101(a), (b)	40:104 (1st sentence).	May 17, 1910, ch. 243, §1 (1st, 2d sentences, last sentence words after comma), 36 Stat. 371.
9101(c)	40:104 (2d sentence).	
9101(d)	40:104 (last sentence words after comma).	

In subsection (a), the word “permanent” is omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (d), the words “the District of Columbia” are substituted for “Washington” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

§ 9102. Duties

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission of Fine Arts shall advise on—

(1) the location of statues, fountains, and monuments in the public squares, streets, and parks in the District of Columbia;

(2) the selection of models for statues, fountains, and monuments erected under the authority of the Federal Government;

(3) the selection of artists to carry out clause (2); and

(4) questions of art generally when required to do so by the President or a committee of Congress.

(b) DUTY TO REQUEST ADVICE.—The officers required to decide the questions described in subsection (a)(1)–(3) shall request the Commission to provide the advice.

(c) NONAPPLICATION.—This section does not apply to the Capitol Building and the Library of Congress buildings.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1232.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9102(a)	40:104 (3d, 6th sentences).	May 17, 1910, ch. 243, §1 (3d–6th sentences), 36 Stat. 371.
9102(b)	40:104 (4th sentence).	
9102(c)	40:104 (5th sentence).	

In subsection (b), the words “in each case” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “request the Commission to provide” are substituted for “call for” for clarity.

In subsection (c), the words “buildings of the Library of Congress” are substituted for “building of the Library of Congress” for clarity because the Library of Congress comprises more than one building.