

CITY OF COMMERCE PHOTO CONTEST

1. Contest Description

The intention of City of Commerce Photo Contest 2020 is to showcase the unique aspects of our City and expand on the current library of photographs that the City of Commerce uses to promote attractions, events, and tourism.

HOW TO ENTER THE CONTEST

Take an original still photo that showcases City of Commerce. Submit it to the Contest through either email media@ci.commerce.ca.us or the City's Official Facebook page via Facebook Messenger. Staff will provide a confirmation email or message to confirm receipt of the submission.

Once a photo is submitted to the Contest, it is considered a final submission and may not be modified, edited, or replaced. A Photo Submission must be an original photograph (in digital format) taken by the photographer.

a) Photo Submissions

All photos must be submitted in digital format, as a jpeg file. They must be at least 1600 pixels wide for a horizontal image or 1600 pixels tall for a vertical image, and no larger than 4MB (4,000 KB). All submissions must include the name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address of the photographer.

b) Retouching of Photos

The submitted contest photograph cannot be *significantly* retouched; nothing in the photographs (people, animals, scenery, objects, etc.) may be altered, removed, augmented or rearranged. If the contest photograph has been retouched as stated above, it will be immediately disqualified. Cropping of the original image is permitted, as are modest tonal or color corrections.

2. Contest Dates:

- Entries will be accepted November 1, 2019 through July 1, 2020
- Photographs entered in the contest can be taken at any time.
- Entry forms and photos must be uploaded to the website no later than July 1, 2020.

3. Entry Information:

- There is no fee to enter the contest.
- The contest is open to all photographers.

- City employees, Councilmembers and their families are not eligible to enter.
- The contestant must be the actual photographer for each image submitted under their name (or parent submitting on behalf of their minor child).
- Photographs must be taken in and around Commerce.
- Contestants may enter up to 5 photographs total.
- Photos and submission information must be submitted through either website/email link, email media@ci.commerce.ca.us or the City's Official Facebook page via Facebook Messenger. Staff will provide a confirmation email or message to confirm receipt of the submission.
- Photo must be a digital file uploaded via the submission form. The City will not accept hard copies of photographs or emailed photographs.
- The City of Commerce is not responsible for entries lost through the entry procedure.
- If there are identifiable people in the photo and it was taken in a non-public space, it is the responsibility of the photographer to obtain permission to use the photo.
- Incomplete entries will not be judged. Contestants must provide name, city, email address, and the photo file.
- Providing a title, date, or location for the photograph is optional.

RULES

Photo eligibility is at the discretion of City staff. Contestants must be at least 18 years of age. Minors are welcome to have a parent or guardian enter photos on their behalf. Contestants are encouraged to provide photos of Commerce architecture, Commerce activities, and environment. Contestants are required to agree to the terms of the City of Commerce "Photo Contest Entry Agreement" at the time of their photo submission(s) in order for their submissions to be considered in the contest.

Winners will be required to provide a W-9 form to receive prize.

Disqualification: Submission will be disqualified if it does not meet the rules and requirements as well as:

- 1.The photo contains material that is copyrighted, protected by trade secret, or otherwise subject to third-party proprietary rights, including privacy and publicity rights.
- 2.The photo contains material that is unlawful, obscene, defamatory, libelous, threatening, pornographic, harassing, hateful, racially or ethnically offensive, give rise to civil liability, violate the law, or is otherwise inappropriate. Advocates,

promotes or represents the sale or use of tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, firearms, or weapons.

3.The photo contains messages in support of, or opposition to, any political candidate or ballot measure.

4.The photo contains religious messages or advocates or promotes religious beliefs.

5.Disrupting the contract class or program in session, including violation of the Civility Conduct Policy and/or creating a hazardous environment for the class to take place.

6.Photographer is taking photos of a class that they are not participating in. This includes refunding or transferring out of the contract class or program at a later time than the photo was taken.

Judging: Photos will be judged on the basis of visual appeal (quality and clarity), pictorial composition, and originality as well as how well the photograph portrays the community of Commerce. Decisions of the judging panel are final.

Awards: Winners will be notified by email and announced at a City of Commerce Council meeting. Attendance of winners is encouraged.

Contestant photos will be displayed at the City's website, social media and will be features in City's publication *Commerce Connect* or Annual Commerce Calendar.

Information contained in these official rules is for reference only and is subject to change. The City of Commerce reserves the right to revise, amend, or repeal these contest rules at any time.