

City of Hot Springs

ADOPT-A-CITY STREET VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

The Adopt-A-City Street Program is a partnership between the City of Hot Springs and its citizens of the City to care for City Streets and participate in making the City a better place to live. The City and the individuals or groups adopting the street(s) make a commitment to each other to perform certain activities for keeping the areas clean and safe.

The Adopter/Adopter Group agrees to the following terms:

- ✓ In Consideration of the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas conducting the "Adopt-A-City Street" program, and allowing me to participate in said program, I hereby covenant and agree not to sue any and all employees, representatives, and/or agents of entity and do hereby release and forever discharge the same of and from all claims, rights, and causes of actions of whatsoever kind unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, bodily and personal injury, damage to property, and the consequences thereof from any participation in the "Adopt-A-City Street" program. Furthermore, I certify that I am medically able to participate in this program and assume full and all responsibility.
- ✓ Remove litter along a designated section of City Streets(s) at least six times a year for a minimum of **two years** on the City Street(s) designated below.

Name of City Street(s)

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- ✓ Designate a **contact person/group leader**. This person will be responsible for the following duties:
 - ✓ Assure that all participants are responsible individuals and that participating minors under the age of 18 are provided with adult supervision as stated in the policy.
 - ✓ Discuss safety precautions with project participants, request that participants sign in for each cleanup.
 - ✓ Assure that all borrowed equipment and unused supplies are returned to the Adopt-A-City Street Program following the completion of the volunteer period.
 - ✓ Discuss all projects with the Adopt-A-City Street Coordinator before the project is undertaken, unless other arrangements have been made.
 - ✓ Avoid contact with items that have the potential to be hazardous or cause injury, such as heavy objects or items like syringes, needles, used condoms, animal carcasses, etc.

The City of Hot Springs agrees to the following terms:

- ✓ Furnish operation supplies – e.g. litter bags, disposable gloves, also safety vest and grabbers for loan.

- ✓ Make arrangements for free removal and disposal of collected litter from the project site area provided prior contact has been made in compliance with the policy document

- ✓ Furnish and install Adopt-A-City Street sign(s) with the Adopter’s name on each sign, at some time after the Adopter has completed the first project See below for wording).

- ✓ Coordinate publicity or funding arrangements with the Adopter, when possible, for special projects or beautification efforts.

Name Organization Name (if Different)

Address

State zip Phone e-Mail

Signature(s) Date

Adopt-A-City Street Signage

Name to appear on sign – please note – one letter, space or punctuation per space

**Please make a copy of this document and keep it for your records
Thank you for your Volunteerism!**

To all our Valued Volunteers...

Please Think Safety First!

All the Adopt-A- Program Partners wish to encourage our valued volunteers to take safety precautions when collecting litter. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Do not pick up any dangerous or unsafe litter!



Dangerous or unsafe litter includes, but is not limited to; broken glass, razor blades, syringes, hazardous household products, dead animals, condoms, all unlabeled jugs, bottles and drums.

2. How should litter be picked up?

- Never reach blindly to pick -up an item.
- Use a tool such as a grabber tool or hand-rake to “identify” an item before grabbing or cleaning it.
- If an item is unidentifiable, dangerous, and possibly caustic or volatile, call the City 24-hour action line at 501-321-6808.

3. What are the other things to be aware of when working?

- Be especially careful when working between cars and cleaning-up in gutter areas.
- If you cannot reach it with a grabber from the curb, leave it. Eventually, it will get to the curb. Never go into the street or street to pick up trash!
- Always wear a safety vest so you are visible to drivers.
- If you encounter a dangerous situation such as harassment from others, leave the area and dial 9-1-1 for assistance.

4. Keep your eyes and ears open!

- Be aware of your surroundings and location at all times, keeping a lookout for things you might trip over or holes you stumble into.
- Beware of snakes in the longer grass and spiders inside trash.
- Always watch for children carefully.

Please do not return this sheet but keep it as a reminder of safe practices

Thank you for your volunteerism!