

Hot Springs/Garland County Beautification Commission

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Adopt-A-Spot Program Policy Statement

Program Purpose: the Adopt-A-Spot Program provides volunteer public involvement in controlling litter around Hot Springs. Businesses, Families, Civic Groups and individuals are invited to adopt a Spot in our City to help control litter and receive recognition in the form a sign erected by the City for their participation in the program. Media coverage will be encouraged to help promote the program and recognize the adoptee.

Program Guidelines: The following guidelines apply to any adoptee in the program.

- ♻️ The Spot to be adopted will generally be from two blocks (both sides) to one mile in length, but can be of any length subject to Commission approval. Eligible spots may be chosen by the adoptee, in cooperation with the Commission, with special consideration to safety.
- ♻️ Litter pick-up should be done at least twice a year (preferably four). The recommended adoption period shall be a minimum of two years, renewable at the request of the adoptee.
- ♻️ The program is not intended as a means of providing a public forum for groups, businesses, or individuals to use in promoting name recognition or political causes. The Commission therefore reserves the right to deny adoption to any prospective adoptee. The Adopt-A-Spot Program is offered to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or sexual preference.
- ♻️ No person under the age of eleven will be permitted to pick up litter within the City right of way. All persons between the ages of eleven and eighteen must be accompanied by at least one adult for every five persons under the age of eighteen.

The Hot Springs/Garland County Beautification Commission will normally supply Safety vests, litterbags, and grabbers for volunteer use with this program. These items may be picked up from the Commission office at: 118 Second Street, Suite O, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

The adoptee must make prior arrangements with the *Hot Springs Sanitation Dept.* to pick up the bagged trash by calling Samantha Tiernan, Office Manager at 501-321-6911. The trash must be left in a safe and convenient area for collection by truck. After each pick-up, the adoptee must file a report within two weeks giving the number of participants, approximate number of hours taken, the number of bags filled and the City condition.

**Participants are strongly encouraged to schedule at least one pick-up to coincide with the
“Spring Fling” in May
and/or
“Trash Bash” the first weekend after Labor Day, participation in this program entitles
volunteers to certain awards and prizes.**

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Adopt-A-Spot Application

Name to appear on sign: (One Letter or Space per Square)

As the representative of the above named entity, I hereby apply to adopt _____ Blocks(s) of the City Street known as _____, from (Point of reference) to (Point of reference) _____.

I have read the guidelines, safety, regulations, etc. of this agreement and I am willing to take active responsibility for keeping this part of the City Street System litter free by picking up at least two (preferably four) times a year beginning ____/____/____. I will ensure that my group wears gloves, safety vests and that they are alert to hazards of; traffic glass, poison ivy, insects, snakes, fire ants, etc. I will also adhere to the age stipulations as stated.

I will file a report by e-mail or by prepaid return card to the Commission office as soon as possible after each clean-up.

I understand that the Commission/Garland County will provide Safety vests, gloves, bags and naming the group (Hot Springs City will install all signage after the first pick up has been completed and reported – there may be some delay due to City Street crew work load).

Adoptee Representative's Name (Printed)

_____/_____/_____
Adoptee Representative's Signature Date

Address, City, State, Zip, phone number

Chair of Hot Springs/Garland County Beautification Commission

_____/_____/_____
Date



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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 Illegal Dumping Hotline at **321-691**.

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 road 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.



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RELEASE

In Consideration of the City of Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas and the Hot Springs/Garland County Beautification Commission's efforts in organizing and conducting the "Adopt-A-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 either 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-Street" program. Furthermore, I certify that I am medically able to participate in this program and assume full and all responsibility.

Signature _____ Date _____



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Hot Springs/Garland County Beautification Commission ADOPT-A-SPOT VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

The Adopt-A-Spot Program is a partnership between The City of Hot Springs and The Hot Springs Garland County Beautification Commission and citizens of the City to care for City Streets and participate in making Hot Springs a better place to live. The Commission, the City and the individuals or groups adopting the a 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:

- Remove litter along a designated section of City Street(s) at least twice and preferably four times a year for a minimum of **two years** on the street(s) designated below.

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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-Spot Program following the completion of the volunteer period.
- Discuss all projects with the Adopt-A-Spot 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/ HSGCBC. 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-Spot sign(s) with the Adopter’s name on each sign, at some time after the Adopter has completed the first project.
- Coordinate publicity or funding arrangements with the Adopter, when possible, for special projects or beautification efforts.

I have read and reviewed this agreement and understand the terms of our participation.

Adopter:

Organization Name	Group Name (if different)
Address	Home Phone
City, State Zip	Work Phone
Email Address	Fax Number
Signature	Title
Print Name	Date

Adopt-A-Spot Road Signage

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

Signature of HSGCBC-AAS Coordinator

Date

