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City of Fruita Adopt a Street/Trail Program Information and Packet (DRAFT)

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City of Fruita – Adopt-A-Street/Trail Program Overview and Background

Program Background

The City of Fruita's Adopt-A-Street/Trail program allows local families, businesses, and community groups to perform a valuable community service by adopting a section of a City of Fruita street or trail to keep clear of litter and debris. The program will also foster civic pride, help beautify the City, and encourage greater participation in the City's affairs. The Fruita Adopt-A-Street/Trail program was created by the Fruita Livability Commission, a group that aims to influence and improve the health and quality of life for those in the Fruita Community.

Eligibility

Any local group that demonstrates sufficient ability and is willing to take on the responsibility of adopting a street for at least one year, is eligible for this program. Groups who successfully participate have the opportunity to be recognized by the City Council and have an Adopt-a-Street sign identifying the group posted along the adopted roadway or trail. After the one-year term, the group may also be allowed to continue the adoption of the street on a year-by-year basis.

The City of Fruita's Public Works Department and Parks and Recreation Department has developed a list of adoptable streets and trails that meet safety and location criteria. Not all street or trail segments in Fruita are available for adoption, due to potential safety concerns.

How To Participate

The application process is simple, and there is no cost to participate. Groups are required to adopt a street or trail segment and commit to cleaning up that section two – four times a year. Once accepted into the program and a specific street or trail has been adopted, the City of Fruita will provide trash bags, gloves, and safety vests to the volunteers. Additionally, the City of Fruita will pick up the trash following the clean-up event. Volunteers of the program are encouraged to work with City staff to coordinate a date and time that works best for the volunteers and staff.

Why Participate?

- The Adopt a Street/Trail program helps keep Fruita clean and beautiful!
- It helps save taxpayer funds.
- Allows groups to work together to better their environment and the community.

Thank you to all the Adopt-A-Street/Trail Volunteers who are doing their part to help keep Fruita clean and beautiful!

City of Fruita Adopt a Street/Trail Application

Application

Any group wishing to participate in the City of Fruita's Adopt-a-Street/Trail program must fill out this application. An applicant may register a group only if the applicant is authorized to represent such group and its members.

Name of Adopting Group: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Approximate Number of People Participating in Each Clean-Up: _____

If the City determines at any anytime that an adopting group does not have sufficient membership or participants, the City may assign to the adopting group a different street or stretch of a street or terminate the adopting group's participation in the program.

Group Leader(s):

Each adopting group must have one or more group leaders registered with the City. A group leader is responsible for scheduling cleanup dates with the City, providing city-distributed safety items to all cleanup participants, and ensuring all participants follow Adopt-a-Street/Trail program rules. An adopting group may not conduct a cleanup if there is no group leader present. The City Fruita will recognize group leaders for those who have signed the application. The application must be updated as group leaders change.

Group Leader Name: _____

Signature and Date: _____

Additional Group Leader Name: _____

Signature and Date: _____

Desired Section of Street:

Not all city streets or trails are available for adoption. Prior to submitting this application, the applicant must communicate with City staff (svassen@fruita.org) to determine which street and trail segments are available. The applicant must then select which available street section the adopting group would like to adopt.

Desired Street Section: _____

What You Should Know:

Potential dangers involved while participating this program can include, but are not necessarily limited to: high speed traffic, exposure to noxious plants, broken glass, hazardous materials, sharp metal, hypodermic needles, and potentially harmful wildlife such as snakes and skunks. The City is not responsible for any injuries or damage caused by such conditions and by providing this program does not waive any provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act ("CGIA"), C.R.S. §§ 24-10-101 *et seq.*

Commitment:

Once an adopting group has adopted a street or trail section, it will be responsible for assisting the City in the maintenance of the adopted street or trail section for one year. After the first year, the City may, in its discretion, decide to allow the adopting group to continue to assist in the maintenance of the adopted street section for another year. The City requires that the adopting group follow all the rules and terms listed in the Adopt-a-Street/Trail information sheet, program rules, and application documents.

I, _____, am authorized to represent the adopting group listed on this form for the purpose of applying for the participation in the City of Fruita's Adopt-a-Street/Trail program. I have read the Adopt-a-Street information sheet, program rules, information and safety tips, application, and Release of Liability documents, and I and my organization agree to abide by all terms and conditions of the program.

Signature & Date: _____

Adopt-a-Street/Trail Program Rules

Program Rules and Requirements

- The city has the sole authority to determine whether an application is accepted or rejected, and whether a street section will or will not be available for adoption.
- When an application is approved, the applicant shall execute a written agreement with the city on behalf of the adopting group. The adopting group's cleanup participants shall abide by all rules and safety requirements of the program.
- Prior to their first cleanup, all participants will attend a safety meeting in which the cleanup participants will view the web videos Spruce Up Colorado Volunteer Safety and Meth Lab Waste Recognition. The city will provide the web link for the videos: <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/adopt-a-highway/safety-videos.html>. It is the responsibility of the group leaders to arrange and hold this meeting.
- The adopting group must notify its assigned city contact(s) of a planned cleanup at least two (2) weeks prior to the cleanup to ensure trash bags will be retrieved by the city.
- While performing activities on city rights-of-way, the method, manner, and appearance of the participants must not in any way distract, disrupt or adversely impact traffic.
- The city prohibits the possession, consumption, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while performing a cleanup.
- All participants must sign a Release of Liability Agreement prior to a first cleanup. The City must have these agreements on file before any clean-up activities.
- The term of the agreement will be for a period of one year. Adopting groups must perform at least two - four cleanups each year.
- After the first year, the adopting group may agree to an additional one-year term or terminate its participation in the program.
- The city reserves the right to cancel any agreement with any group for any reason.
- Participants shall follow all the listed safety tips including wearing safety vests at all times. The vests should be returned to the city after each clean up.
- All trash should be bagged with tops tied shut, visible behind the curb or edge of road where it can be seen.
- Please contact the city if you no longer wish to participate in the program so the street or trail can be made available to others.

Safety Tips for the Adopt a Street/Trail Program: Do's and Don'ts

- Do stay alert for traffic when crossing roads and driveways. Cross with signals.
- Do stay on the right-of-way facing traffic and stay with your team.
- Do leave trash bags along the street so they are visible for pickup. Larger items can be piled on top of bags for pickup.
- Do always wear reflective safety vests (provided for volunteers) so that you can be seen.
- Do wear light or brightly colored protective clothing, hard soled shoes and sturdy work gloves.
- Do use sun block and insect repellent and wear a hat.
- Do work only in daylight and in fair weather.
- Do drink plenty of fluids, and rest if you get tired.
- Do stay alert for snakes and noxious weeds, do not touch them.
- If you are driving to the project site, do carpool to keep the number of vehicles on the roadside at a minimum.
- Do park off the road as far away from the pavement edge as possible. Use parking lots and wide spots whenever possible.
- Do not pick up litter that is:
 - On the roadway surface or on medians
 - Close to the edge of the road
 - On construction sites
 - On bridges or overpasses
 - In fast moving water, on slippery rocks, steep banks, or where water runs under roads
 - In the dark
 - When the weather is wet, cold, snowing or under other dangerous conditions
 - When under the influence of alcohol or drugs
 - If you suspect the litter may be hazardous or danger. If so, call 911 for help immediately.
- Do not play around or do anything that would distract passing drivers or other volunteers.
- Do not pick up or handle live or dead animals.
- Do not work during peak travel times when traffic is heavy.
- Do not overfill trash bags so that they are too heavy or carry a heavy bag long distance, a partially filled bag is fine.
- Do not over-exert yourself – take plenty of breaks, drink liquids, and dress appropriately for weather.
- Do not bring small children or pets along on clean ups.

Release of Liability Agreement – Waiver

THIS IS A RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

I, _____, recognize that the participation as a volunteer in this program, known as the City of Fruita's Adopt-a-Street/Trail program, may present inherent risks of harm or injury to the myself or to others. Therefore, I, my agents, heirs, representatives, designees, or assigns, **HEREBY AGREE** to waive any rights against, and to hold harmless, the City of Fruita, its agents, officials, employees, representatives, designees or assigns, for any harm or injury that I, or my minor children, may incur, or cause another to incur, resulting from their participation, either direct or indirect, as a volunteer in the City of Fruita's Adopt a Street/Trail program. I have read and understand the safety rules the volunteer guidelines and responsibilities. **Further, I certify that I am over 18 years of age.**

Signature

Printed Name

Date

If participant is under the age of 18 years, the following section must be completed.

I, _____, being the parent or legal guardian of:

_____, a child, for myself, my heirs, and personal representatives, hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Fruita, its officers, agents, and employees, from any action brought by or on behalf of the above-named child rising out of the activity defined above. The consideration for my agreements is herein the City allowing said child to engage in such activity.

Signature

Printed Name

Date