

Request for Council Action

Agenda Bill No.: 25-047

Meeting Date: June 9, 2025

Subject: Adopt-A-Park Program

Attachments: Resolution 2025-38, Exhibits A-C, and Administrative Policy 2005-10

Volunteer Policy

Presented by: Heidi Riojas – City Clerk, and Gary Kroll – Public Works Supervisor

Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, PE – City Manager

Discussion:

During the June 2, 2025, Study Session, the City Council discussed the proposed Adopt-A-Park Program.

The City of Toppenish recognizes the benefits that parks can provide to the community and in an effort to build a sense of connectivity, the City believes that community volunteers are a critical element in building connectedness for a stronger, more healthy and sustainable community.

The City of Toppenish seeks greater consistency, coordination and expansion of volunteer opportunities via an "Adopt-A-Park" program – focusing on longer-term commitments by volunteers in maintaining a particular public property within the City while streamlining the process so that neither the City nor interested volunteers feel overwhelmed

The policy will:

- Establish parameters for the oversight and support of the City's "Adopt-A-Park" maintenance program;
- Streamline the opportunity for volunteers to work with the City for the betterment of the community;
- Establish expectations amongst and between the City and interested volunteers in accepting a longer-term maintenance commitment of public property;
- Identify the general scope of maintenance tasks that may be performed by volunteers.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2025-38 to establish the Adopt-A-Park Program.