

# Adopt--A--Street

to

## Beautify the City of Independence

### Adopt-A-Street Program

Independence is a beautiful city. City street crews maintain 500 miles of streets year-round. Unfortunately, the best of care doesn't stop people from littering our roadways. Citizens interested in maintaining Independence streets now have a way to help keep litter and trash off the streets. The answer: volunteer to 'Adopt-A-Street' in Independence.

Organizations may select any roadway in the City to maintain for litter control. The City will provide your organization with:

- Press releases issued by the City naming your organization as the official 'Adopter' of that street;
- Publicity in the City's newsletter;
- Signs at each end of the adopted roadway;
- A safety training session & orange safety vests;
- Trash bags & same-day pick-up; and,
- 'Adoption' papers good for one year.

### Adoption: An Easy Process

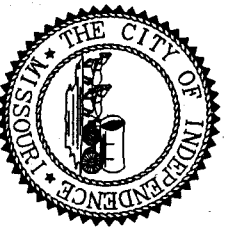
The objective of Adopt-A-Street is to generate public awareness of ways to improve the environment. Adopting a street is easy. Civic groups, businesses, scout troops, students, and individuals are invited to adopt sections of roadway for litter control. To adopt a street, simply call the Public Works Department at City Hall, 325-7602.

After receiving the request, the City will evaluate the need for litter control along that roadway. If you don't know which street to adopt, the City will provide a list of streets that are especially littered or in need of extra care.

To keep the program manageable, minimum 1/2 mile sections of street (six blocks) must be adopted. Streets are adopted on a first-come, first-served basis. Street adopters are requested to pick up trash along the roadway at least nine times a year (every 45 days), more often if necessary.

### How to Organize a Clean-Up:

- The group contacts the Independence Department of Public Works at 325-7602, Mondays through Fridays, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
- Arrangements will be made for the group to borrow safety vests and pick-up trash bags. The time and date of the clean-up will be scheduled at that time;
- City employees will pick up full bags on Monday through Friday after the clean-up;
- Adopting groups may keep recyclables such as aluminum cans, glass, or newspaper; and,
- At the end of each year, plaques will be awarded each organization, and the roadway may then be re-adopted. Liability waivers must be signed for each participating member (once a year).



# Street Adoption Agreement

This Adoption Agreement executed on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_, in the City of Independence, Jackson County, State of Missouri, by and between the City of Independence, Missouri and \_\_\_\_\_, (Name of Organization) hereinafter referred to as the Adopter, hereby agrees to pick up litter on both sides of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Designated Street) in the City of Independence, Missouri from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Pick-up will occur at intervals of approximately every 45 days. This agreement is good for one year from the above date and may be canceled at any time by the City of Independence at its sole discretion.

The Adopter will advise the City of Independence Public Works Department, at least 24 hours in advance, of performing any work on the right-of-way of the above location.

The Adopter agrees to schedule a safety orientation session with the City of Independence, and will advise the members of its organization of potential hazards of working on or near the roadways of Independence. The adopter will insure that all workers' vehicles will be parked off the roadway during a clean-up.

The City of Independence will provide orange safety vests and trash bags, and will pick up filled trash bags after any scheduled litter pick-up.

The City of Independence will provide identification signs at each end of the adopted roadway, a press release naming the organization as the adopter of said roadway and publicity in the City's newsletter.

Adopter Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

# Release of Liability Adopt-A-Street Program

This Release of Liability executed on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_, in the City of Independence, Jackson County, State of Missouri, by and between the City of Independence, Missouri and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the Releasor.

In consideration of being permitted to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ for litter control, Releasor, by its agents, releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the City of Independence for all loss of damage, and any claim of damage therefor, on account of injury to persons or property resulting from the granting of this Adoption Agreement. Releasor further agrees that as against the undersigned or its successors or assigns, this instrument may be pleaded as a counterclaim to or as a defense in bar or abatement of any action of any kind whatsoever, brought, instituted of taken by or on behalf of the undersigned on account of said supposed claim or claims against the City of Independence.

Releasor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Independence, and its agents and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of the performance of the work covered by this Adoption Agreement.

Releasors: \_\_\_\_\_  
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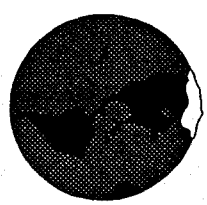
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_.  
Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Independence  
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