

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON §

**ADOPT A COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM
ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

Terms and Conditions

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS, hereinafter called "County" and _____, hereinafter called the "Group," recognize the need and the desirability of litter free roads and are entering into this Agreement to permit the Group to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter-free roads.

By signature below, the Group, both jointly and severally, acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agrees, both jointly and severally, to the following terms and conditions:

- ♦ Prior to taking part in the program, all Participants must sign a copy of the attached Adopt a County Road Program Release of Liability form indicating that they are releasing Washington County from all claims of any character, type, or description as a result of any injury to themselves or to their property as a result of any acts arising out of their participating in this program.
- ♦ All Participants must also sign a copy of the attached Adopt a County Road Participants sheet signifying that they have read this Agreement and do hereby pledge to apply their best effort to perform according to these terms.
- ♦ All Participants who are minors must have a parent or a legal guardian sign a copy of the attached Adopt a County Road Program Parent/legal Guardian Consent and Release Form.
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- ♦ Participants in the Group agree to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the County for special conditions on a particular adopted section.
- ♦ When participants are 15 years of age or younger, the Group shall furnish adequate supervision by one or more adults. Adult to minor (under age 15) ratio must be 1:4.
- ♦ Each Group shall conduct at least two safety meetings per year. Participants must attend a safety meeting conducted by the Group before participating in a cleanup.
- ♦ Groups shall adopt a section of roadway that is at least two miles long.
- ♦ Groups shall be required to adopt for a minimum period of two years.

- ◆ Groups shall be required to clean adopted section of roadway a minimum of twice (2) per year.
- ◆ The Group shall not subcontract or assign its duties or responsibilities to any other group, organization or enterprise.
- ◆ The Group shall appoint or select a chairperson to serve as spokesperson for the Group.
- ◆ The Group shall obtain required supplies and materials from the County during regular business hours.
- ◆ Fold-down traffic control signs installed on Adopt-A-road sign supports shall be folded down by the Group during a cleanup and returned to the closed position after the cleanup as been accomplished.
- ◆ Individuals shall wear County-supplied and approved safety vests during the trash pickup.
- ◆ The group shall be responsible for placing litter in trash bags furnished by the County.
- ◆ Unused materials and supplies furnished by the County shall be returned to the County within one week following each cleanup.
- ◆ Each Group shall be responsible for prohibiting participants from either possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages while on the adopted section.
- ◆ Each Group shall be responsible for maintaining a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water while participating in litter pickup on the adopted section.
- ◆ The Group shall have the option of renewing the Agreement subject to the approval of the County and Continuation of the Adopt A Road program.

The County agrees to accomplish the following:

- ◆ Work with the Group to determine the specific section of the County road right-of-way to be adopted.
- ◆ Erect a sign at each end of the adopted section with the Group's name or acronym displayed.
- ◆ Provide safety vests, trash bags, and safety literature.
- ◆ Remove the filled trash bags the first workday after the pickup.
- ◆ Remove litter from the adopted section only under unusual circumstances, i.e., to remove large, heavy or hazardous items.

Additional terms and conditions:

The Group acknowledges that the County is generally prohibited by law from expending any funds, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of influencing the outcome of any election or the passage or defeat of any legislation and the Group agrees if any actions by the Group relative to the performance of this Agreement are determined to be contrary to any legislative restrictions or any restrictions on the use of appropriated funds for political activities, the County shall have the right to take any and all necessary remedial actions, including but not limited to the removal of the erected signs displaying the Group's name or acronym.

The County reserves the right to terminate this agreement without cause, and upon thirty (30) days notice the County may terminate the Adoption Agreement and remove the signs. This Agreement may be modified in scope or altered in any other manner at the sole discretion of the County. The County reserves the right to modify or cancel the program at any time, and for any reason at its sole discretion.

The County and the Group both recognize and agree that in no event shall the County have the right to control the Group in performing the actual details of picking up litter from the section of roadway adopted by the Group and, in picking up litter, the Group shall act as an independent contractor.

The County recognizes the Group as an adopting organization for _____ -see Exhibit A. The Group accepts the responsibility of picking up litter on this section of road and promoting a litter-free environment in the community for a period beginning _____ and ending _____.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____.

Name of Group

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____
ADOPT A ROAD CHAIRPERSON

By: _____
COUNTY JUDGE

Printed Name

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

Address

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

City, State, Zip

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

COUNTY CLERK

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

**WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS
APPLICATION FOR ADOPT A COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM**

The Washington County Engineering and Development Services Office will work with the adopting group to determine the specific section of roadway to be adopted. Such factors as width of right-of-way, geometrics, congestion and reduced sight distance of roadways may be considered in determining what roadways shall be eligible for adoption.

Name of Organization

Date

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Authorized Representative

Name of Contact Person

Day Phone Number

Mailing Address

Evening Phone Number

City, State, Zip

Approximate number of people participating in each cleanup: _____

Roadway section you are interested in adopting: _____

Representative Signature

**ADOPT A COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM
RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

***Form must be completed by every participant.**

I hereby release Washington County from all claims of any character, type, or description as a result of any injury to myself or to my property as a result of any acts arising out of my participating in the Adopt A County Road program.

Group Name

Representative Signature

Printed Name

Date

ADOPT A COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

I/we, _____, the parents(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____, a minor, do hereby consent and agree that my child may participate in an Adopt A County Road program. I/we recognize that participation in this program will require my child to perform cleanup activities along the roadsides of _____. Washington County will not be responsible for the supervision, management, direction and control of the cleanup activities undertaken by _____. I/we therefore agree to release and hold Washington County harmless from all claims of any character, type, or description as a result of any injury to my child or to my child's property because of my child's participation in the "Adopt a County Road" program.

Signatures of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

Printed Name

Date

