

APPLICATION ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM

ORGANIZATION _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Day Phone No. _____

Evening Phone No. _____

Approximate number of people participating in each cleanup _____.

The CITY will work with the adopting GROUP to determine the specific section of street to be adopted. Please indicate the street section(s) your GROUP is interested in adopting:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

President or Chairman Signature

Date of Application

Mail or return this form to:

City Clerk, City of Choctaw, P O Box 567, Choctaw, OK 73020

ADOPTION AGREEMENT

The City of Choctaw, hereinafter called the "CITY" and

_____,
hereinafter called the "GROUP", recognize the need and the
desirability of litter-free streets and are entering into this
Agreement to permit the GROUP to contribute toward the effort of
maintaining litter-free streets for a period beginning
_____, 20____, and ending _____, 20_____

Section I. Terms and Conditions.

By signature below, both parties' acknowledges the hazardous nature
of the work and agrees to the following terms and conditions:

- A. The GROUP agrees to:
1. Obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and special conditions on a particular adopted section.
 2. Furnish adequate supervision using one adult for every eight (8) youth participants, when participants are sixteen (16) years of age or younger.
 3. Park all vehicles clear of roadway and at least ten (10) feet from shoulder.
 4. Adopt a street section(s) for a two (2) year period.
 5. Obtain required supplies and materials from the CITY during regular business hours.
 6. Wear CITY supplied and approved safety vests while on the right-of-way.
 7. Place filled trash bags at the adopted site for pickup and disposal by the CITY.
 8. Notify CITY that bags are ready to be picked up and location of same.

9. Return all unused materials and supplies furnished by the CITY within two (2) working days following cleanup.
 10. Accept the responsibility of picking up litter on the section of street(s) and promoting a litter-free environment in the community.
 11. Release and discharge the CITY, and their officers, agents and employees from all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind whatsoever for any damages and/or injuries which may result from participation in the Adopt-A-Street program and other voluntary activities on or near the street right-of-way.
- B. The CITY agrees to:
1. Provide safety vests, trash bags and traffic control signs.
 2. Provide initial safety training for the GROUP leaders including safety literature. The GROUP leaders are responsible for training other members of the GROUP who wish to participate.
 3. Remove the filled trash bags the first work day after the pickup.
 4. Remove litter from the adopted section only under unusual circumstances, i.e., to remove large, heavy or hazardous chemical items.
 5. Purchase and set two (2) signs advertising the GROUP's program participation on the adopted section of street.

Section II. If in the sole judgement of the CITY, it is found that the adopting GROUP is not meeting the terms and conditions of this Agreement, then upon thirty (30) days notice, the CITY may terminate the Adoption Agreement.

Section III. The CITY reserves the right to modify or cancel the program at any time.

Section IV. The CITY recognizes the GROUP as the adopting organization for the street(s) identified as No. ___ on the application.

FOR the GROUP:

Authorized signature

FOR The CITY:

Authorized signature

R E L E A S E

FOR

Adopt-A-Street Program

I do hereby release and discharge the City of Choctaw, and their officers, agents and employees from all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind whatsoever for any damages and/or injuries which may result from my participation in the Adopt-A-Street and other voluntary activities on or near the street right-of-way.

Participant's Signature

Signature of "The Group"
President or Leader

Address

Date

SAFETY TIPS

- * Crew members should possess the following minimum qualifications:
 - 1) Good common sense
 - 2) Good Physical condition, including sight and hearing
 - 3) Mental alertness
 - 4) A sense of responsibility for safety of public and crew
 - 5) Must be at least 11 years old
- * Knives, machetes, axes, etc., should not be carried by crew members.
- * Do not attempt to compact (squeeze) trash bags to gain room for more trash. Injuries from broken or jagged objects often result from this practice. Fill the bag with what goes in easily, then get another bag.
- * Park all vehicles clear of street traffic.
- * Keep vehicles on same side as pickup volunteers.
- * Work one side of street at a time.
- * Car pool to site to reduce number of vehicles.

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS, DO THE FOLLOWING:

- * Whenever possible, face oncoming traffic while you work. Be prepared to move out of the way of vehicles in an emergency.
- * Discontinue work in inclement weather, especially in times of reduced visibility and wet/icy streets.
- * Work during daylight hours.
- * Avoid over-exertion. Drink plenty of water, especially on warm or hot humid days.
- * Post a lookout to be aware of traffic situations.
- * Have a five (5) minute refresher session on safety awareness each time a crew goes out.
- * Avoid using headsets, which could interfere with your hearing of on-coming traffic or other potential hazards.

WHAT TO WEAR:

- * Wear light-colored clothing and your safety vest at all times when working on the right-of-way.
- * Wear heavy gloves. Do not pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles.
- * Watch your footing: Wear substantial leather shoes or boots with ankle support.
- * Wear a hat and long sleeves to avoid sunburn. You may wish to use a sunscreen lotion on sunny days.

SOME THINGS TO STAY AWAY FROM:

- * Do not attempt to remove known or suspected toxic/hazardous substances. Notify the Choctaw Fire Department of the location of such items immediately.
- * Be alert for places where snakes may be located, such as in tall grass, and avoid these areas. Be equally alert for stinging insects, especially fire ants.
- * Avoid contact with poison ivy, poison oak and other noxious weeds.
- * Avoid areas where herbicides were applied that day.
- * Do not attempt to pick up items on bridges or on overpasses. These areas are especially dangerous to pedestrian workers.
- * Stay clear of any mowing operations and maintenance or construction activities.
- * Report any needles or syringes to GROUP Leaders. **DO NOT HANDLE WITH BARE HANDS OR PLACE IN PLASTIC BAGS.** To dispose of, we suggest picking these up with tongs and placing them in a separate, puncture-resistant container (**NOT BAGS**).

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:

- * Every crew should possess an adequate first aid kit. Be prepared for serious injury: select an emergency room/hospital, and know the route from the work area to the hospital or to a designated treatment center.
- * Every crew member should have transportation immediately available.