

# CITY OF PASO ROBLES



## **ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM**

The Adopt-A-Street Program is a fun and worthwhile program that will give you, your company, school or organization recognition while saving taxpayer dollars.

Picking up litter on an adopted City street is a great way to promote community pride and goodwill within your organization, or among family and friends.

### *Who Can Participate?*

- Individuals
- Organizations
- Businesses
- Schools



### *You Participate By:*

Removing litter, along a designated street section, public parking lot or trail.

### *Recognition:*

Aside from your own satisfaction, there is public recognition as well. The City will place a recognition sign(s) on your adopted street.

### *Your Commitment:*

Pick up litter for 1 year on the section of street, trail or other adopted area at least once a month.

### *How To Get Started:*

- ✓ Contact the program coordinator for an application package at: **(805) 227-7239**
- ✓ Return the application for processing by the coordinator.
- ✓ You will be notified by the City if the street, trail or other area is available for adoption.

### *Our Commitment*

- ✓ We loan you safety gear (orange safety vests, and grabbers).
- ✓ We provide free trash bags and dispose of the trash you collect.
- ✓ We pay for and install recognition sign(s).
- ✓ We do not require insurance for volunteer participants. We do, however, require you or your representative to execute a responsibility waiver.

### *Recognition Signs*

- The City of Paso Robles will place recognition signs at the beginning of your adoption term. These signs may vary in size according to local conditions.
- The decision to place signs, their size, content and location is at the sole discretion of the City. This is determined before your participation begins.
- Each sign includes a recognition panel with your name. No products, slogans, phone numbers, street names or directions are permitted on the sign.

### *What if a Section is Already Taken?*

You may still be able to adopt that particular section by putting your name on a waiting list. If the current adopter quits you will have a chance to adopt that section according to your place on the list.

#### *General Rules:*

- Do not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs before entering or while in City right-of-way or City property.
- Review and follow safety requirements.
- Perform work satisfactorily.
- The program depends on the common sense and responsibility of individual participants.
- Participants must realize they are working in a potentially hazardous environment and diligently follow all safety requirements.
- Participants hold the City harmless for death, injury or property damage that might have been prevented by their action.
- Participants must be at least 13 years of age and participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Read, understand and conform to the provisions in this package.
- Provide a copy of the safety requirements to each participant.
- Attend an initial safety meeting and discussion before you begin your project.
- Conduct a safety meeting with your group at least once a month, especially where schools and children are involved.
- You cannot transfer your adopted street to others.
- Wear visibility hats, orange vests and gloves whenever you are in City right-of-way or on City property - put them on ahead of time.
- Wear sturdy shoes or boots.
- Light-colored clothing, long-sleeve shirts and long pants and sunscreen are suggested.
- Do not work when it is raining or foggy or when the street, sidewalk or road in your work area is wet or icy.
- Discontinue your work before dusk.
- Do not touch potentially hazardous materials such as powders, chemicals, weapons, sharp objects or dead animals.
- Avoid overexertion and drink plenty of water.



### ***Access and Parking Rules:***

- ✓ Park outside the City right-of-way and walk to your designated area, whenever possible.
- ✓ If you drive to designated work areas consolidate people into as few vehicles as possible.
- ✓ Vehicles used to transport workers, equipment or materials to work areas may be temporarily parked in the right-of-way to unload and load workers and equipment-- then must be moved to a safe out-of-the-way area.
- ✓ Never park on a bridge, in an underpass or on any other structures.
- ✓ Do not park in grassy areas where your vehicle's exhaust system could start a fire.
- ✓ When you leave a work site in your vehicle, use your signals, consider the speed of the traffic, wait for an adequate gap in traffic and pull onto the pavement carefully.
- ✓ All safety vests, grabbers, and extra bags must be returned to the City upon conclusion of participation in the program.



### ***When on Foot Rules:***

- ✓ Exit and enter your vehicle on the side away from traffic whenever possible.
- ✓ Walk and work facing oncoming traffic wherever possible - be alert and keep an eye on traffic.
- ✓ Do not walk on the paved street areas and stay away from the roadway edge.
- ✓ Do not enter tunnels or drainage facilities
- ✓ Use caution when crossing streets and use crosswalks and signals where available.

### ***What to do with the Filled Trash Bags***

Once you have picked up the trash, simply tie the bags closed and leave them in an area on your designated street where they be easily seen. The City tracks the number of bags of trash picked up and the weight of each bag. Call 227-7239 to let the City know that you have picked up trash and that the bags are ready to be picked up.

## **ADOPT- A- STREET PROGRAM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS**

While working in the City right-of-way, remember: **SAFETY FIRST!**

**To protect yourself and others, your group must meet the following safety requirements:**

1. Stay off the street, roadway, bicycle paths and shoulders. This includes unpaved shoulders.
2. Do not attempt to cross freeway traffic lanes. Use caution when crossing streets, roads and conventional highways. Use crosswalks and signals where available.
3. Face oncoming traffic as you work and keep an eye on traffic. Be prepared to move quickly, if necessary.
4. Work in small groups (3 to five persons). **DO NOT BUNCH UP.** Larger groups should be broken up into smaller ones and dropped off at different locations.
5. Do not work in the street.
6. Discontinue work before dusk.
7. Do not attempt to work when fog or other conditions reduce visibility for drivers.
8. Do not touch or attempt to remove materials that you suspect may be toxic or hazardous. Items to avoid include powders, chemicals, smelly substances, suspicious packages, chemical drums or containers, weapons, syringes or hypodermic needles, dead animals and broken glass.
9. Notify the City Police Department of the location of weapons or suspected toxic substances immediately (237-6464).
10. Do not try to compact trash bags. Injuries from broken or jagged objects may occur.
11. Wear orange safety vests, visibility hats and gloves whenever you are on the roadside, street or right-of-way.
12. Wear long pants and substantial leather shoes or boots with ankle support.
13. Watch your footing and stay off of steep slopes, drainage facilities or places that you might fall.
14. Light-colored clothing, long sleeve shirts and sunscreen lotion are recommended.
15. Do not run, throw objects or engage in horseplay or any other activity that may distract drivers.
16. Avoid overexertion. Drink plenty of water, especially on warm, humid days.
17. Do not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs before entering, or while in the right-of- way, roadside or street.
18. Be alert for places where snakes may be located. Also be alert for stinging insects and poisonous plants (e.g. poison oak/ivy).

## City of Paso Robles Adopt-A-Street Program Application

<b>Applicant Information</b>	Name of Applicant (Organization, Business, Group, etc.)	Phone No.
	Name of Contact Person for Applicant	Phone No.
	Street Mailing Address	City, State and Zip Code
	Number of Participants in Group	<b>(Participants must be at least 13 years of age and participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.)</b>
<b>Street Location Requested</b>	<b>First Choice</b>	
	Street Name	
	<b>Second Choice</b>	
	Street Name	
	<b>Third Choice</b>	
Street Name		
<p>The Applicant will indemnify and hold harmless the City and all officers and employees of the City against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, costs or liabilities including costs or liabilities of the City with respect to its employees, in law or in equity of every kind and nature whatsoever, directly or proximately resulting from or caused by the performance of the Adopt-A-Street Program activities, whether such performance be by the Applicant, or anyone directly or indirectly connected to the Applicant; and the Applicant shall, at his sole risk and expense defend any and all suits, actions, or other legal proceedings which may be brought or instituted by third persons against the City, and the Applicant shall pay and satisfy any judgment or decree which may be rendered against the City, its officers or employees in any such suit, action or other legal proceedings. Applicant hereby relinquishes any and all rights to bring any suit, make any claims, demands, damages or legal action of any kind against the City, its officers or employees.</p>		
<b>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:</b>		
I, _____, hereby certify that I represent and am authorized to sign.		

(Use the next page for additional volunteers)

**Please return form to:** City of Paso Robles, Adopt-A-Street Program  
1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446

