



ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in the Adopt-A-City Street Program, you are joining other community groups, businesses, and individuals to help reduce litter in Gastonia, making a major contribution towards the city's overall appearance.

- Litter clean-up costs the U.S. more than 11.5 billion each year!
- Trash blowing out of truck beds and tipped roll out bins cause a large percent of litter in our neighborhoods.
- Litter decreases property values, diminishes community appearance and promotes even more litter.
- Even food waste has a cost. It attracts rodents to the side of the road. The rodents then attract raptors like hawks and owls. The raptors are then hit by cars.

The purpose of the Adopt-a-Street Program is to:

- Encourage community residents and organizations to adopt residential blocks of streets and keep them litter-free
- Tangibly demonstrate civic pride in your community
- Contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment
- Contribute to our overall economic development of our city
- Serve as an impressive reminder to the public not to litter the roadways or ignore our environment

Keep Gastonia Beautiful will provide:

1. One custom sign along their adopted route.
2. Trash bags, scale to weigh trash, gloves, grabbers and safety vests for use by the adopting participants.
3. Removal of "orange" trash bags from adopted street sections as necessary.

Requirements:

1. A signed agreement to adopt the street of your choice.
2. For Keep America Beautiful reporting we ask that you attempt to weigh the trash from each cleanup and complete cleanup report form for confirmation and trash bag removal.
3. Designate individual or organization representative who will be responsible to:
 - a. Serve as liaison between the group and KGB
 - b. Work with KGB to assist in gathering additional participants for the Adopt-A-Street program with adjacent streets
4. Adopt at least a two-block stretch of roadway and maintain both sides of the street with a clean-up.
 - a. A minimum of four (4) clean ups are required/year for a two-year commitment
 - b. If your area is litter free, please contact us to let us know that you have checked the area and no cleaning is needed.
 - c. Failure to comply could result in a removal of your sign.
5. Remove litter during the daylight hours only.
6. If there are less than 4 bags, we ask that you dispose of those in your trash can.
7. Ensure participants are 18 years old or proper adult supervision provided.
8. Any bulk items (i.e. tires, vehicles, furniture, etc.) please be sure to report so we can address those items internally.
9. Please do not pick up any needles, suspicious bags, dead animals or items that can cause harm. Please report these items to Jeffie Hardin.

Contact: Jeffie Hardin 704-833-1575 jeffie.hardin@gastonianc.gov



ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM AGREEMENT & WAIVER

Group Name to appear on custom road sign: _____

Keep Gastonia Beautiful, Inc. (hereinafter "KGB") and _____ (name of business, organization or individual) (hereinafter the "Entity") recognize the need and the desirability of litter-free and visually-improved streets.

The **Adopt-A-Street** program has been established for community and civic organizations as well as private businesses and industry to contribute toward the effort of maintaining cleaner and more beautiful streets in Gastonia. The purpose of Keep Gastonia Beautiful Inc.'s **Adopt-A-Street** program is to encourage community residents and organizations to adopt sections of streets and keep them litter-free. Entities agree to clean their adopted area(s) at least **4 times a year** in an effort to maintain a healthy environment and foster pride in our beautiful city. The Entity also agrees to submit an Adopt-A-Street Cleanup Report to Keep Gastonia Beautiful following the completion of each clean-up.

The Entity understand that the work performed could result in physical injury and hereby assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage, from whatever causes, arising from or in any way connected with participating in the Adopt-A-Street Program. The Entity further agrees on behalf of themselves, their heirs, successors, assigns and/or personal representatives to release, waive, forever discharge, covenant not to sue, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Gastonia and Keep Gastonia Beautiful, their officials, agents, officers, employees and volunteers from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, damages, actions or causes of action of any kind or character (including, without limitation, attorney's fees, costs and expenses) that may arise in any manner by reason of death, injury, damage to person or property or both as a result of my participation in the Adopt-A-Street Program

The Entity understands that during their participation in the Adopt-A-Street Program, they are subject to the rules and regulations of Keep Gastonia Beautiful and the City of Gastonia. They also understand and agree that this Waiver of Liability is binding upon my executors, administrators, personal representatives, collectors, heirs, successors and assigns.

All volunteers under the age of 18 must provide proper adult supervision.
The Entity agrees that signs bearing the group's name will be installed solely at the discretion of KGB.

Street Name and Description (from what point to what point)

The Entity volunteers are to pick up litter at least **4 times a year** (or more if necessary) along its section of street for a period beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____.

This the _____ day of _____, 20____

Primary Contact Signature

Printed Full Name

Contact info (email/phone)

Secondary Contact Signature

Printed Full Name

Contact info (email/phone)

Signature of KGB Staff Witness