

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING THE ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM AND ITS GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION OF CITY PARKS; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT).

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill owns and operates 24 parks for the enjoyment and benefits of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City to ensure that all parks are maintained in a clean, safe and attractive condition at all times for the safety and enjoyment of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of community involvement and partnerships in promoting park safety, cleanliness, and overall aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to reaffirm the Adopt-A-Park Program and its guidelines to encourage organizations, community groups businesses, partnerships, unincorporated associations, or individuals to participate in the maintenance and beautification of City parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing WHEREAS clauses are hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of Lauderhill reaffirms the Adopt-A-Park Program and its guidelines below.

SECTION 3. Purpose. The purpose of the Adopt-A-Park Program is to enlist community partnership in maintaining safe, clean, and attractive parks through volunteer activities, therefore fostering a sense of ownership, community pride, and stewardship within the City's park system.

SECTION 4. Program Guidelines.

- a. The program is voluntary and open to organizations, community-minded businesses, and individuals interested in contributing to the upkeep of designated parks.
- b. The Parks and Recreation Department shall coordinate with applicants to select a park on a first-come, first-served basis.
- c. The term of each adoption agreement shall be for one (1) year.

- d. Each participating group shall commit to a minimum of six (6) visits annually, performing maintenance as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- e. The program encourages groups to conduct at least two (2) cleanups per year, with many groups hosting quarterly or monthly cleanups.

SECTION 5. Benefits of Participation.

- a. Recognition signage with the group's name displayed at the adopted park.
- b. Highlighting on the city's Adopt-A-Park webpage.
- c. Recognition on the City's official and safety of local parks for community use.
- d. Contributing to the beautification and safety of local parks for community use.
- e. Environmental benefits through litter and debris reduction.
- f. Participation in volunteer appreciation events organized by the City.

SECTION 6. Requirement for Participants.

- a. Maintain an adoption period for one year.
- b. Complete at least two cleanups per year, with many groups hosting more frequent activities.
- c. Follow all safety procedures and program guidelines established by the City.
- d. Place trash bags under the Adopt-A-Park sign (for Trail and Street Adopt programs).
- e. Submit a post-cleanup volunteer report detailing the number of volunteers, hours worked and quantities of litter or recyclables collected.

SECTION 7. Implementation and Oversight

The Parks and Recreation Department shall oversee the program, coordinate with participating group, and ensure compliance with program guidelines. The program aims to foster community ownership, neighborhood engagement, and ongoing maintenance of parks as focal points for neighborhood.

SECTION 8. The City Manager and the City Attorney are authorized to do all things necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

SECTION 9. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK

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