

RESOLUTION NO. 22-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE MASON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CREATING A NEW CHAPTER, 12-48, OF THE MASON COUNTY CODE, "MASON COUNTY ADOPT-A-ROAD LITTER CONTROL PROGRAM,"

WHEREAS, RCW 47.40 permits local governments to implement adopt-a-highway programs for local roads which would enable volunteers to supplement county litter control efforts by adopting portions of county roads; and

WHEREAS, there are volunteer organizations within Mason County that are willing to demonstrate their commitment to a clean environment by giving their time and energy to keep sections of county roads litter free; and

WHEREAS, Mason County desires to encourage the efforts of these volunteer organizations by the creation and implementation of the "Mason County Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program"; and

WHEREAS, both the public and Mason County will benefit from such a program in that it will establish a partnership between citizen volunteers and the County to reduce roadside litter and build civic pride in a litter-free Mason County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 12-48, a new Chapter of the Mason County Code, establishing the "Mason County Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program", is hereby adopted as shown in Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein by reference.

DATED this 28th day of February, 1995.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Absent
WILLIAM O. HUNTER, Chairperson

Rebecca S. Rogers
REBECCA S. ROGERS
Clerk of the Board

M. L. Faughender
M. L. FAUGHENDER, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Michael Clift, CHIEF
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Mary Jo Cadz
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"NEW CHAPTER"

Chapter 12-48

ADOPT-A-ROAD LITTER CONTROL PROGRAM

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12.48.010 **Purpose and Intent.**

It is the purpose and intent of the Mason County Board of Commissioners to establish a Mason County Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program to enable volunteer organizations to supplement county litter control efforts by allowing such volunteer organizations to adopt portions of county roads for the purpose of picking up litter along such roads. This partnership between the county and volunteer organizations is further intended to reduce roadside litter and build civic pride in attaining the goal of a litter free Mason County.

12.48.020 **Definitions.**

- A. "Adopt-A-Road Agreement" means a contractual agreement between Mason County and a volunteer organization that delineates the obligations and responsibilities of both parties.
- B. "Department" means the Mason County Department of Public Works.
- C. "Director" means the Director of Public Works, or the director's designee.
- D. "Volunteer organization", means any organization (empowered by law to enter into contractual agreements) which volunteers to participate in the Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program.

12.48.030 **Volunteer Organization Eligibility Requirements.**

- A. Any volunteer organization may apply to participate in the Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program. The Director shall determine eligibility. A volunteer organization shall not be eligible to participate in the Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program if the name of the volunteer organization:
 - 1. Endorses or opposes a particular candidate for public office;
 - 2. Advocates a position on a specific political issue, initiative, referendum, or piece of legislation; or
 - 3. Includes a reference to a political party.
- B. Any eligible volunteer organization wanting to participate in the Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program shall execute an Adopt-A-Road Agreement with Mason County, which delineates the obligations, responsibilities, and terms and conditions governing both parties.

12.48.040 Program Requirements.

In administering the Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program, the Department shall:

1. Provide a standardized application form, registration form, and contractual agreement for all volunteer groups. Such forms shall notify the prospective participants of the risks and responsibilities to be assumed by either the Department and/or the volunteer groups;
2. Require all volunteers to be at least fifteen (15) years of age;
3. Require parental consent for all minors;
4. Require at least one (1) volunteer adult supervisor for every eight (8) minors;
5. Require one (1) designated leader for each volunteer organization;
6. Assign each volunteer organization a section of county road for a specified period of time;
7. Recognize the efforts of a participating organization by erecting and maintaining signs with the organization's name on both ends of the organization's section of roadway;
8. Provide on loan: two (2) "Volunteer Litter Crew Ahead" signs for each volunteer organization; safety vests, and safety caps for each member of the volunteer organization. A refundable deposit for signs, vests and caps may be required by the Department. All equipment issued to volunteer organizations by the Department must be returned to the Department after each use for reuse by other volunteer groups;
9. Provide safety training for all volunteers;
10. Pay appropriate insurance premiums or assessments required by Mason County Risk Management and Insurance Department for all volunteers participating in the program;
11. Maintain records of all injuries and accidents that are reported by the volunteer organization to the Department;
12. Obtain permission from property owners who lease right-of-way from the County before allowing a volunteer organization to adopt a section of roadway on such leased property;

12.48.050 Rights and Activities of Adjacent Landowners.

Nothing in this Chapter affects the rights or activities of, or agreements with, adjacent landowners, including the use of rights of way and crossings, nor impairs these rights and uses by the placement of signs.

12.48.060 Severability.

If any provision of this Chapter, or its application to any person or legal entity or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter or the application of its provisions to other persons or legal entities or circumstances shall not be affected.