

**CITY OF DALLAS  
LETTER OF AGREEMENT  
FOR  
VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

**MOWmentum  
Maintenance Agreement**

**Effective Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ **(Leave Blank)**

**ADOPTION LOCATION(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adoption Period:** 2, 5, 7, 10 years (Circle One)

Are you applying for MOWmentum Funds?

- Yes  
 No

Estimated TOTAL Project Cost:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

All work must be completed **within six months** of the agreement date, **and all necessary itemized invoices, receipts and copies of cancelled checks must be submitted within the same time frame. Please review MOWmentum Funds application for further details.**

Are you applying for the Dallas Reforestation Program?

- Yes  
 No

The City of Dallas, Department of Street Services, hereinafter called the "Department", and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called the "Sponsor", recognize the desirability of attractive public areas; and are entering into an agreement allowing the Sponsor to adopt, improve and maintain, in accordance to the attached proposal submitted:

- Right-of-way                       Median(s)  
 Triangle                                 Circle

**Adoption of the public rights-of-way requires the Sponsor to accept full maintenance responsibilities, which include the following:**

- Pick up litter and debris as needed.
- Mow at least once every 14 days from April through October, and mulch or remove clippings.
- Trim trees and shrubs to eliminate visibility obstructions.
- Remove weeds from around trees and other areas such as shrub beds, ground cover, etc.
- Edge along the sidewalks and curbs and remove debris.

In addition, by signing this agreement, the sponsor agrees to provide the following services and adhere to the following terms and conditions:

*Please select by marking "x"*

- The Sponsor or its members will perform the services.
- The Sponsor will hire a contractor to perform services, when needed.
- Plant and maintain flowers.
- Plant and maintain trees.
- Assume responsibility and costs for the installation and maintenance of an irrigation system.
- Other:

**Conditions for MOWmentum Program:**

- Participants agree to abide by all laws and regulations relating to public safety, and City ordinances and State law.
- Sponsor shall be required to adopt areas for a minimum period of two years.
- Sponsor acknowledges that if they fail to provide the agreed maintenance the Department may take whatever measures are necessary to resume City maintenance in the most cost effective manner, including, but not limited to, removal of all or any part of the improvements.
- **Sponsor is responsible for obtaining all utility clearances, licenses, and permits required for the project.**
- Sponsor shall adopt areas that can be defined as belonging to a community and segments should begin and end at street intersections or otherwise be identifiable by street address.
- Sponsor shall provide all necessary tools, equipment, materials, etc.
- Sponsor shall have the option of renewing the agreement subject to the approval of the Director and continuation of the program by the Department.

The Department agrees to accomplish the following:

- Work with the sponsor to determine the specific area to be adopted.
- Remove litter from the adopted section only under unusual circumstances, i.e. to remove large, heavy or hazardous items that cannot be removed by means available to the sponsor.

**Additional Terms and Conditions**

If in the sole judgment of the Department, it is found that the adopting Sponsor is not meeting the terms and conditions of this agreement, upon 30 days notice, the Department may terminate the adoption agreement and remove any improvements. This agreement may be modified in scope or altered in any other manner at the sole discretion of the Department. The Department reserves the right to modify or cancel the Program at any time.

No term or provision of this agreement shall be construed as making the sponsor a servant or employee of the City or making the Sponsor or any of the Sponsor's participants eligible for fringe benefits, such as retirement, insurance and worker's compensation which the City provides its employees.

Sponsor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold City, its officers, agents and employees, harmless against any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments, costs and expenses for personal injury (including death), property damage or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, suffered by any person or persons, that may arise out of or be occasioned by Sponsor's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Sponsor, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, or procured volunteers, in the performance of this Agreement; except that the indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the sole negligence or fault of City, its officers, agents, employees or separate contractors, **and in the event of joint and concurring negligence or fault of Sponsor and City, responsibility and indemnity, if any, shall be apportioned in accordance with the law of the State of Texas, without waiving any defenses of the parties under Texas law.** The provisions of this paragraph are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity.

The Department recognizes the Sponsor as the agent for the public right-of way; and the Sponsor accepts the responsibility of maintaining the area in the community for a period of two years, unless the agreement is extended, renewed or canceled by the Department.

**All pages contained in this packet are apart of the MOWmentum process for approval, please read all pages before accepting this agreement.**

_____	_____
(Signature of Representative) (Date)	Forest E. Turner, Director (Date)
_____	Department of Street Services
(Sponsor Name) (Date)	City of Dallas
_____	214-670-4491
(Contact Address)	Reviewed and Approved by:
_____	Jack Antebi, Assistant Director
(Phone Number)	Department of Public Works and Transportation