

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

City Manager

RESOLUTION 11-052(A)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER,
ALASKA, ESTABLISHING AN ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer owns and maintains various parks and trails for the use and enjoyment of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The City Council desires to provide volunteer opportunities for local citizens to participate in the care and maintenance of the City's parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, An Adopt-a-Park program is a model for volunteer participation that has been used successfully in many other communities; and

WHEREAS, An Adopt-a-Park program will increase civic involvement and participation, pride in the community, and sense of stewardship in helping to care for the City's parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, An Adopt-a-Park program will also help improve and beautify the City's parks and trails for the benefit of all park visitors; and

WHEREAS, City staff have prepared an Adopt-a-Park Program inclusive of policies, procedures, releases, and waivers as necessary to implement the program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval of the Adopt-a-Park Program at its May 19, 2011 meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, establishes the City of Homer Adopt-a-Park Program as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, to accommodate and promote volunteer participation in conserving and maintaining City parks, trails, and recreational facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff are authorized to administer the Adopt-a-Park Program, including processing applications, providing initial orientation to volunteers, collecting volunteer time logs and inspection reports, and conducting any follow-up coordination with volunteers as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that establishment of this program does not commit the City to any future improvements of any parks, trails, or recreation areas or facilities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 24th day of May, 2011.

CITY OF HOMER


MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

ATTEST:


JO JOHNSON, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: Staff time.

CITY OF HOMER ADOPT-A-PARK AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made on _____ (date) by and between the individual noted below (Volunteer) and the City of Homer and is valid from the date above through _____ (date).

Volunteer's name:

Address:

Email address:

Phone/cell phone:

Affiliation (if with group);

Adopted park or trail:

Describe Adopter's basic responsibilities and work schedule for the months of June, July, and August:

Describe Adopter's basic responsibilities and work schedule for the months of September through May:

Describe other tasks that Adopter is willing to perform or assist with on a less frequent basis, if any.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The adoption of a park or trail will be in effect as long as the adopting group or individual is actively participating.

Regularly-scheduled inspection and maintenance of the park or trail will be reported to the City of Homer Parks and Recreation Division according to the schedule noted above. The City of Homer will provide trash bags and other basic supplies as needed, along with training/orientation.

Adopting groups or individuals will be recognized on the City of Homer website, by a sign at the park or trailhead (if they wish), and at an annual Adopt-a-Park appreciation event.

As a Volunteer, I intend to donate my services to the City of Homer, and the City of Homer intends to accept the donation of volunteer services. Both parties agree as follows:

- *I understand that as a Volunteer, I am not an employee of the City of Homer and am not entitled to receive salary, benefits, or other compensation.*
- *I understand that as a Volunteer, I do not qualify for workers' compensation benefits and understand I will be responsible for my own personal medical expenses for any injuries I incur while performing volunteer services.*
- *As a Volunteer, I agree to follow the supervision and direction of any personnel, employee, or volunteer to whom I have been assigned to perform services, and to participate in any training required by the City of Homer in order to perform the voluntary services.*
- *I am fully aware of the possible hazards of performing the volunteer services described above and I am aware that in performing such volunteer services I may incur personal injury, death and/or property damage. I understand that my volunteer services may include a variety of physical hazards, including but not limited to, steep and uneven terrain and the use of tools and equipment.*
- *I attest that I am physically fit, able, and qualified to perform the volunteer services described above. I agree to perform these volunteer services with knowledge of the risks involved and I hereby agree to accept any and all risks of injury, or death and/or property damage.*
- *As a Volunteer, I agree to release and hold harmless the City of Homer, its officers, agents, employees, and all other persons against loss or expense, including attorney's fees, arising from any and all claims, lawsuits, or actions I or, my heirs or legal representatives may have for bodily injury, death or property damage I may incur as a result of my volunteer services under this Agreement. This release does not apply to liability due to the sole negligence of the City of Homer.*
- *I understand the nature of the Volunteer assignment and I certify that I have taken all necessary precautions to participate in such activities.*

I hereby grant the City of Homer permission to use my likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the City of Homer and will not be returned. I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. (PLEASE CHECK BOX)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone number: _____ Mobile phone number: _____

The Volunteer has executed this Volunteer Service and Release Agreement as of the date below.

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL ENDORSEMENT TO BE COMPLETED IF THE VOLUNTEER/PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

I certify that, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this Volunteer, I do hereby consent to and agree to his/her release as provided above, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Homer, its agents, and employees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's voluntary participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

CITY OF HOMER REPRESENTATIVE

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

CITY OF HOMER ADOPT-A-PARK APPLICATION FORM

Date: _____ Name of adopting group or individual: _____

Group contact person: _____

Contact person phone: _____

Contact person email: _____

Contact person address: _____

Which park or trail do you wish to adopt?

Karen Hornaday Park Bishops Beach Park Mariner Park Jack Gist Park WKFL Park
Bayview Park Ben Walters Park Baycrest Overlook Park Skateboard Park
Reber Trail Calhoun & Poopdeck Trails Beluga Slough Trail Homer Spit Trail

How much time are you willing to commit in the next year?

weekly every two weeks once a month one-time special project

What tasks are you willing to perform?

litter control vandalism control maintenance projects weeding brush cutting
special projects other (describe): _____

Other comments:

Please return this form to:

Angie Otteson, City of Homer Department of Public Works, 3575 Heath Street, Homer, AK 99603
or fax to 235-3145 or email to A0tteson@cityofhomer-ak.gov. Questions? Call Angie at 435-3139.

We will contact you soon to discuss your interest in adopting a park or trail!

CITY OF HOMER PARKS AND RECREATION



