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THE ADOPT-A-LOT PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1990 AS A MEANS IN WHICH RESIDENTS COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

CITY RESIDENTS CAN **"ADOPT"** A CITY OWNED LOT OR LOTS. THE ADOPTEE PLEDGES TO MAINTAIN THE LOT AND THE PLANT EITHER A FLORAL AND/OR VEGETABLE GARDEN; OR SIMPLY JUST KEEP THE LOT CLEAN. ALL LOTS WILL REMAIN UNDER THE OWNERSHIP OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN. THE ADOPTEE IS PROVIDED WITH THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGE OF USAGE OF THE LOT.

ONLY CITY PROPERTY OWNERS IN GOOD STANDING CAN APPLY FOR ADOPT A LOT STATUS. ANY TENANTS WISHING TO ADOPT LOTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR RESPECTIVE LANDLORD APPLY FOR THE ADOPT A LOT STATUS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES OF THE ADOPT-A-LOT PROGRAM:

- BE AWARE AS **THE ADOPTEE YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY** – YOU ARE THE ADOPTEE
- THE ADOPTEE PLEDGES THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY WHICH MEANS TO SIMPLY KEEP IT CUT AND CLEANED AN/OR TO MAINTAIN A VEGETABLE/FLORAL GARDEN
- **THREE-YEAR TIMEFRAME ON ADOPT A LOT STATUS**
- **ALL ADOPTEES MUST SIGN A "HOLD-HARMLESS" AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE ADOPT A LOT PROCESSING – RELEASING THE CITY OF ANY AND ALL FAULT IN THE EVENT OF ANY ACCIDENTS OR UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.**
- ALL ADOPT-A-LOTS WILL BE ISSUED SIGNNAGE DESIGNATING THE LOT(S) AS AN ADOPTED LOT.
- PERIODIC INSPECTIONS WILL BE PERFORMED TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REGULATIONS.



YOU CANNOT

- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK CARS, TRAILERS, BOATS OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE ON THE ADOPTED LOT
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PLANT TREES ON THE LOT
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ALLOW PETS OR ANY OTHER ANIMALS TO BE HOUSED OR ROAM FREELY UNLEASHED ON THE ADOPTED LOT
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PLACE OR STORE LARGE PILES OF COMPOST ON THE LOT
- NO PERMANENT STRUCTURES CAN PLACED OR ERECTED ON AN ADOPTED LOT, FOR EXAMPLE POOLS, CAR PORTS, FOUNDATIONS, DRIVEWAYS, SHED OR GARAGES – TO NAME A FEW
- ADOPT A LOTS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER BY DEFAULT
- NO BUSINESS FUNCTIONS OF ANY KIND CAN TAKE PLACE ON THE ADOPTED LOT FOR EXAMPLE VEGETABLE STAND, SALE OF CARS OR GOODS OF ANY KIND.
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO RENT, LEASE OR SUBLET THE LOT TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS.
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CONDUCT ANY RELIGIOUS EVENTS ON THE ADOPTED LOTS
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PARTIES, BAR-B-QUES AND/OR ANY OTHER GATHERING.
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO REMOVE ANY SIGNNAGE PLACED ON THE ADOPTED LOT BY THE CITY
- NO CONSUMPTION OF ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE ADOPTED LOTS
- NO PETS ARE ALLOWED TO BE STORED, HOUSED OR ROAM FREELY UNLEASHED ON THE ADOPTED LOT

BE ADVISED....

- AN ADOPTED LOT, AT ANY TIME, CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE ADOPT-A-LOT STATUS FOR ANY REASON DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CITY OF CAMDEN

FENCING YOUR ADOPTED LOT

ANY ADOPTEE INTERESTED IN FENCING IN THEIR ADOPTED LOT CAN DO SO UNDER THESE GUIDELINES:

- FENCING WILL BE AT THE ADOPTEE'S COST
- THE FENCE CANNOT BE HIGHER THAN 4 FEET TALL
- IF AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION THERE ALREADY EXISTS A FENCE – YOU CANNOT REMOVE OR CHANGE ANY OF THE EXISTING FENCING.
- NO CEMENTED IN POLES
- IF YOU DECIDE TO REVOKE YOUR ADOPT-A-LOT PRIVILEGES, YOU MUST REMOVE ALL FENCING FROM LOT.



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ADOPT-A-LOT PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME OF STREET/LOCATION OF LOT: _____

APPLICATION DATE: _____ BLOCK _____ LOT _____

NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ CELLPHONE # _____

_____ OWNER OCCUPIED _____ RENTAL UNIT

TENANT NAME: _____

LOT (S) WILL BE USED FOR: _____ VEGETABLE/FLORAL GARDEN
_____ JUST KEEP THE LOT CUT & CLEANED

I ATTEST I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE GUIDELINES LISTED ABOVE – ADHEREING MY SIGNATURE

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

BLOCK # _____ LOT # _____ TAXES __UP-TO-DATE/ ARREARS__

LEGAL ADDRESS: _____

DPW APPROVAL / DENIAL _____

CITY COUNCIL MEETING _____