

CHAPTER 111 - ADOPT-A-SPOT AUTHORIZATION

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ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III (10) (a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution and S.G.C. V. §107.1(2)(a).
- §2 **PURPOSE.** Texas State prides itself of its beautiful campus, which attracts new students, tourists, and inspires commitment to the university and its alumni. Student Government desires to facilitate greater involvement of students and student organizations with their campus environment. AS the physical campus grows to accommodate the increasing student population, maintenance becomes a more daunting task for university staff and opportunity to cultivate a culture of volunteerism among current students. The Student Government will create an "Adopt-A-Spot" initiative, inviting campus organizations to adopt sections of campus for the purpose of basic maintenance and beautification, to be managed by the Student Services Commission.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes the creation of a new titled "Adopt-A-Spot" to be overseen by the Student Services Commission, under the regulations in the following sections.
- §2 **APPLICATIONS.** The application process for student organizations to adopt a spot should be as follows:
- (a) The Student Services Commission will create the zones for adoption in a manner suited to its preferences. While there are no equal area or equal pedestrian traffic requirements, the commission should consider the relative physical area, pedestrian traffic, and inclusion of campus landmarks.
 - (b) A tab should be added to the Student Government webpage, linked to an online request form that representatives of campus organizations can submit requesting a section of campus. The form should have a map, to be updated weekly,

indicating available and unavailable sections and allow a preferential ranking of preferred sections.

- (c) After an application is received, the commission should send a copy of this chapter to the organization's representative, requesting a signature indicating agreement to abide by its policies.
- (d) The commission should assign the most preferable section, dependent on availability. In the case that all of the preferred sections are taken at the time the request form is submitted, the Director of Student Services should contact the organization inquiring about other preferred zones for adoption.

§3 **RESPONSIBILITIES.** Once an organization has an assigned zone, they must engage in at least one monthly clean-up for the duration of the academic year (ending with the summer commencement ceremonies). Clean-up includes picking up litter, cleaning any bins or benches in the zone, and providing for general tidiness of the area. In addition, the commission will plan a once-per-semester campus-wide clean-up in which all organizations involved in the Adopt-A-Spot initiative must participate. This event can substitute for that month's clean-up. Organizations with additional ideas for beautification projects are allowed to work in conjunction with and with approval of the relevant campus authorities in enacting their project(s).

§4 **ADVERTISING.** The commission will order a sign bearing the name of the campus organization within one week of the assignment of a zone. The commission will place the sign within the adopted zone in a manner that is not permanently disruptive to the physical environment and is not disruptive of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

§5 **COMPETITION.** To encourage the highest level of cleanliness, a monthly newsletter will be sent to participating organizations. In the newsletter, the commission will recognize an outstanding organization and/or project for that month. At the end of the year, the commission will recognize an organization of the year at a dinner, meeting, or public forum.

§6 **LIMITATIONS.** Campus organizations may not adopt more than one zone at any time. In addition, the adoption of any zone expires at the closing of the last summer commencement ceremony in that academic year. The following business day, applications should be opened for the new academic year. All zones are then available and will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis, pursuant the regulations set forth in §2 of this Article.

§7 **VIOLATIONS.** If a campus organization does not report a monthly clean-up to the commission or the zone is deemed in violation of the responsibilities outlined in §3 of this Article by the Commission, the organization incurs a single violation. After the first violation, the Director of Student Services shall provide a written warning to the organization, urging their fulfillment of obligations agreed to by participation in the initiative. If a second violation is incurred, the zone becomes available for adoption by another organization and may not be adopted by the violating organization within the same academic year. Written notice should be provided at the time any violation is incurred, containing relevant information about next steps taken by the commission and/or required action on part of the organization.