

Neighborhood Mow-Clean Program

Department of Code
Compliance
Presented to: Quality of Life
Committee
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Mission

To supplement Mow-Clean operations during the busy season and to reduce unemployment or underemployment among young people through a City sponsored mowing and cleaning program that complies with the requirements of Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Program Description

- Code Compliance identifies vacant urban lots for mowing or cleaning
- Lots are referred to participating neighborhood groups
- Groups utilize unemployed or underemployed youths, ages 14 to 19, to mow and clean lots



Program Description

- Groups are paid \$60 per lot mowed/cleaned
- A maximum of 250 lots may be referred to each participating group
 - Referrals will be issued based on the needs of the Department of Code Compliance
- The program will run between June 1 and August 31, corresponding with the summer break for students

Eligibility

The Neighborhood Mow-Clean Program is open to neighborhood groups or associations who:

- hold 501(c)(3) status; and,
- carry \$1,000,000 in general commercial liability that covers the youth who perform the mowing and cleaning operations for the group



Eligibility

In addition, the program participants are required to:

- furnish their own equipment;
- identify geographic boundaries of neighborhood target area, not exceeding six Mapsco quadrants; and,
- use a workforce composed of teenagers, ages 14 through 19, who live within the geographic boundaries that the group supports.

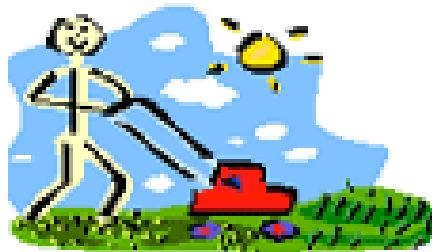
Application

Neighborhood groups are invited to apply to the program by submitting:

- proof of 501(c)(3) status;
- proof of \$1,000,000 in general commercial liability;
- a map indicating the boundaries of the group's target area; and,
- a list of youth who will perform the mowing and cleaning operations, including the youth's name, age, address, and telephone number.

Assignment

- Code Compliance Inspectors assign vacant urban lots to the neighborhood groups to be mowed and cleaned
- Groups may not work on any lots that were not assigned by the City



Abatement

- Groups must mow and clean properties within one week (7 days) of assignment
- Groups must photograph the lot before beginning work and after work is completed
- The lots must be raked and cleaned of all loose litter prior to being mowed
- The lot is to be mowed to a standard height and cleaned of all debris

Payment

- Groups must submit an invoice of assigned work, along with before and after pictures, within one week (7 days) of completion
- The area Code Inspector will inspect the work done and approve the invoice
- Groups will receive payment within 30 days of submitting an invoice

FY04-05 Accomplishments

- Contracted with 4 neighborhood Mow Clean Groups
- Mowed and cleaned 410 lots

Next Steps

- Receive approval of Program Guidelines from Quality of Life Committee
- Prepare Resolution for Council Approval