CHAPTER 121 ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

- 761—121.1(307) Purpose. These rules describe the adopt-a-highway program and the procedure for applying to participate in the program.
- 761—121.2(307) Information. Information relating to the adopt-a-highway program may be obtained online at www.iowadot.gov. Assistance is available by mail from the Maintenance Bureau, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010 or by telephone at (515)239-1971. [ARC 5425C, IAB 2/10/21, effective 3/17/21]

761—121.3(307) Program guidelines.

- **121.3(1)** The adopt-a-highway program allows individuals or groups to assume responsibility for performing litter pickup for a specific segment of highway.
- **121.3(2)** All primary roads, including interstate highways, under the jurisdiction of the department shall be eligible for participation in the adopt-a-highway program. [ARC 5425C, IAB 2/10/21, effective 3/17/21]

761—121.4(307) Sponsors.

- **121.4(1)** *Eligible sponsors.* Communities, organizations and individuals are eligible to participate in the adopt-a-highway program.
- **121.4(2)** *Ineligible sponsors.* The department shall not grant sponsorship of a highway section in the adopt-a-highway program if the sponsorship might be deemed a partisan endorsement by the state or have an adverse effect on the program.
- **121.4(3)** Discrimination prohibited. Eligible sponsors must comply with all applicable laws prohibiting discrimination based on age, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion or disability.

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- 761—121.5(307) Eligible activities. Rescinded ARC 5425C, IAB 2/10/21, effective 3/17/21.

761—121.6(307) Procedure.

- **121.6(1)** Application. The adopt-a-highway webpage located on the department's website at www.iowadot.gov contains a link to an online adopt-a-highway permit application form. After a prospective sponsor applies online, the department will review the application and contact the prospective sponsor by telephone or email.
- **121.6(2)** *Selection.* If more than one individual or group applies to adopt a specific highway segment, the department shall determine the sponsor.
- **121.6(3)** *Termination.* If the department determines that a sponsor is not fulfilling the terms and conditions of the agreement, the department may terminate the sponsorship. [ARC 5425C, IAB 2/10/21, effective 3/17/21]

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