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City to Train Volunteers for Sign Removal Project

The City of Springfield is offering a training program for volunteers assisting with beautification and sign removal in public right-of-way along City roadways.

A training session will take place at 5:30 p.m., Thursday May 17 in room L45 of the Busch Municipal Building at 840 Boonville Ave.

Section 98-7 of the Springfield City Code prohibits the placement of advertisements within the right-of-way of any public thoroughfare. The ordinance is designed to ensure visibility for drivers and to reduce litter in areas where Springfield Public Works mows grass. Public right-of-way is usually defined as the area from the street curb to the outer edge of a public sidewalk. Signs and advertisements on utility poles are also prohibited by City code.

Volunteers will receive training by City staff, and will be able to conduct their work on their own time. As they keep an eye on beautification, volunteers may also report other concerns such as broken curbs, potholes, graffiti, dead animals, trash and tall weeds. Volunteers assisting the City must be at least 18 years of age and are required to sign a release form.

For more information, contact: Collin Quigley, Assistant City Manager, (417) 864-1116.