

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT FOR THE COOPERATIVE MAINTENANCE
OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITH REIMBURSEMENT**

County _____

Route Number _____

Milepost _____

Resolution Number _____

Associated Permits and/or Documents _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED FROM APPLICANT: ___/___/___

PERMIT NUMBER: _____

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this the ____ day of _____, 20____, between the Alabama Department of Transportation acting by and through its Transportation Director hereinafter referred to as ALDOT and _____ herein referred to as the APPLICANT in an effort to secure a more pleasing appearance on the roadside between

_____ on Route _____, the APPLICANT agrees to maintain the vegetative cover on the right-of-way by means of mowing with a flail or rotary mower and hand trimming such that a clean and attractive appearance is obtained. Mowing operations shall be conducted when the height of the vegetative cover reaches ____ inches and rescheduled in accordance with the planned frequency. In the event that shrubs and/or minor trees are planted within the area, trimming around the plant materials shall be done in conjunction with mowing to obtain a clean and attractive appearance. Clippings or other incidental debris (such as branches, trash, etc.) shall be removed if mounding of the clippings or other incidental debris occurs.

In accepting the above, ALDOT and the APPLICANT agree to do the following:

1. The APPLICANT will see that adequate sight distances are maintained for maximum public safety; otherwise ALDOT reserves the right to remedy this situation in the most expedient manner.
2. ALDOT is not responsible for the safety of the individual involved or taking part in this work during maintenance operations. All traffic control shall be the responsibility of the applicant and be in accordance with the latest version of the MUTCD currently in use by ALDOT.
3. If ALDOT construction (repair of drainage and traffic structures, crossovers and other minor construction) is done in the subject area, it will be the responsibility of ALDOT to establish a stand of vegetative cover if deemed necessary by ALDOT and then the APPLICANT's responsibility to maintain the vegetative cover as stipulated herein. In the event of major construction in the subject area, this Agreement shall be voided at a time designated by ALDOT.

4. Any proposed work, whether being performed or accomplished, that is described within or with any associated proposal is subject to the inspection and approval of ALDOT. Should the APPLICANT fail to conform to the provisions of the Agreement, such failure shall be grounds for termination and shall be cause for ALDOT to assume the maintenance at the APPLICANT's expense and/or remove the work and restore the right-of-way to ALDOT's discretion at the expense of the APPLICANT. The APPLICANT agrees to pay ALDOT all such costs as a result. ALDOT shall provide thirty (30) days notice, in writing, or any termination.

5. A copy of this Agreement must be kept by all parties that sign the Agreement. The State of Alabama does not grant APPLICANT any right, title, or claim on any highway right-of-way.

6. The APPLICANT agrees to store no equipment, branches, mounds of clippings or plant debris of any kind or any other material on the shoulders of pavement and in the case of multi-lane highways, in the median. The pavement will be kept free from waste (clippings, mud and other debris) and equipment.

7. This Agreement is executed with the understanding that it is not valid until the APPLICANT has complied with all existing ordinances, laws and zoning boards that have jurisdiction in the county, city or municipality.

8. The APPLICANT will provide litter pick up as needed to insure a pleasing appearance along the roadside.

9. The APPLICANT may perform any herbicide treatments necessary to maintain the appearance of the roadside with written permission from ALDOT. This includes but is not limited to concrete islands, median barriers, curbs, and other structures. Herbicide treatments shall conform to the guidelines found in the current edition of *Chapter IV: ALDOT Herbicide Treatment Recommendations*. Treatments shall be applied by an individual in possession of a current Commercial Applicator Permit (ROW category) issued by the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries. Daily application reports shall be made available for review by ALDOT upon request.

10. Indemnification Provisions. Please check the appropriate type of applicant:

By entering into this agreement, the APPLICANT is not an agent of the State, its officers, employees, agents or assigns. The APPLICANT is an independent entity from the State and nothing in this agreement creates an agency relationship between the parties.

___ If the applicant is an incorporated municipality or gas district then:

Subject to the limitations on damages applicable to municipal corporations under Ala. Code § 11-47-190 (1975), the APPLICANT shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Alabama, ALDOT, its officers, officials, agents, servants, and employees, in both their official and individual capacities, from and against (1) claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees arising out of, connected with, resulting from or related to the work performed by the APPLICANT, or its officers, employees, contracts, agents or assigns (2) the provision of any services or expenditure of funds required, authorized, or undertaken by the APPLICANT pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, or (3) any damage, loss, expense, bodily injury, or death, or injury or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself), including loss of use therefrom, and including but not limited to attorneys' fees, caused by the negligent, careless or unskillful acts of the APPLICANT its agents, servants, representatives or employees, or the misuse, misappropriation, misapplication, or misexpenditure of any source of funding, compensation or reimbursement by the APPLICANT, its agents, servants, representatives or employees, or anyone for whose acts the APPLICANT may be liable.

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___ If the applicant is county government then:

The APPLICANT shall be responsible at all times for all of the work performed under this agreement and, as provided in Ala. Code § 11-93-2 (1975), the APPLICANT shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of Alabama, The Alabama Department of Transportation, its officials, officers, servants, and employees, in their official capacities, and their agents and/or assigns.

For all claims not subject to Ala. Code § 11-93-2 (1975), the APPLICANT shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Alabama, the Alabama Department of Transportation, the officials, officers, servants, and employees, in both their official and individual capacities, and their agents and/or assigns from and against any and all action, damages, claims, loss, liabilities, attorney's fees or expense whatsoever or any amount paid in compromise thereof arising out of, connected with, or related to the (1) work performed under this Agreement, (2) the provision of any services or expenditure of funds required, authorized, or undertaken by the APPLICANT pursuant to the terms of this agreement, or (3) misuse, misappropriation, misapplication, or misexpenditure of any source of funding, compensation or reimbursement by the APPLICANT, its agents, servants, representatives, employees or assigns.

___ If the applicant is a state governmental agency or institution then:

The APPLICANT shall be responsible for damage to life and property due to activities of the APPLICANT of employees of APPLICANT in connection with the work or services under this Agreement. The APPLICANT agrees that its contractors, subcontractors, agents, servants, vendors or employees of APPLICANT shall possess the experience, knowledge and skill necessary to perform the particular duties required or necessary under this Agreement. The APPLICANT is a state institution and is limited by the Alabama Constitution in its ability to indemnify and hold harmless another entity. The APPLICANT maintains self-insurance coverage applicable to the negligent acts and omissions of its officers and employees, which occur within the scope of their employment by the APPLICANT. The APPLICANT has no insurance coverage applicable to third-party acts, omissions or claims, and can undertake no obligation that might create a debt on the State Treasury. The APPLICANT agrees ALDOT shall not be responsible for the willful, deliberate, wanton or negligent acts of the APPLICANT, or its officials, employees, agents, servants, vendors, contractors or subcontractors. The APPLICANT shall require, its contractors and its subcontractors, agents, servants or vendors, as a term or its contract with the APPLICANT, to include ALDOT as an additional insured in any insurance policy providing coverage for the work to be performed pursuant to and under this Agreement and to provide the APPLICANT a copy of the insurance policy declaration sheet confirming the addition of ALDOT thereto.

11. The APPLICANT agrees to provide pruning and/or trimming of plants in any existing or newly landscaped areas.

12. No new installation or removal of plantings is allowed on the right-of-way under this agreement.

13. The APPLICANT may perform adequate dressing and street sweeping on the routes included in this agreement which have curbs and gutters, maintaining a clean and attractive appearance of the roadway. If street sweeping is conducted, gutters shall be kept free of debris.

14. The APPLICANT shall provide a minimum of _____ mowing cycle(s) per _____. Additional cycles will be at the discretion and expense of the APPLICANT. ALDOT will provide payment of \$_____ per cycle which includes all work covered by this agreement. The total payment shall not exceed the total of \$_____ for services provided. The APPLICANT shall supply ALDOT a schedule of cycle dates for the proposed routes listed in item 15. In addition, the APPLICANT shall notify ALDOT in writing 2 days prior to commencement of cycle and within one day of the completion of a cycle. ALDOT shall accept/decline the mowing cycle on each route in writing within 3 days of the APPLICANT completing that route. The first payment may be requested by the APPLICANT on or after May 1, _____, after completion of the first mowing cycle. The final payment may be requested by the APPLICANT on or after September 1, _____, at the completion of the final mowing cycle.

15. The routes and work limits included in this agreement are listed as follows:

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MP BEGIN</u>	<u>MP END</u>

16. By entering into this agreement, the APPLICANT is not an agent of the State, its officers, employees, agents or assigns. The APPLICANT is an independent entity from the State and nothing in this agreement creates an agency relationship between the parties. The APPLICANT, in accordance with the status of APPLICANT as an independent contractor, covenants and agrees that the conduct of APPLICANT will be consistent with such status, that APPLICANT will neither hold APPLICANT out as, or claim to be, an officer or employee of the STATE by reason hereof, and that APPLICANT will not, by reason hereof, make any claim, demand or application to or for any right or privilege applicable to an officer or employee of the STATE under the merit system or any other law of Alabama, including but not limited to workmen's compensation coverage, or retirement membership or credit or any Federal employment law. This paragraph also applies in like manner to the employees of APPLICANT.

17. The APPLICANT specifically agrees that this AGREEMENT shall be deemed executory only to the extent of moneys available, and no liability shall be incurred by the STATE beyond the moneys available for this purpose.

18. By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

19. It is agreed that the terms and commitments contained herein shall not be constituted as a debt of the State of Alabama in violation of Article 11, Section 213 of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, as amended by Amendment Number 26. It is further agreed that if any provision of this AGREEMENT shall contravene any statute or Constitutional provision of amendment, either now in effect or which may, during the course of this AGREEMENT, be enacted, then the conflicting provision in the AGREEMENT shall be deemed null and void.

20. Nothing contained in this Agreement, or in its execution, shall be construed to alter or affect the title of the STATE to the public right-of-way nor to increase, decrease or modify in any way the rights of the APPLICANT in performance of these maintenance activities.

22. For any and all other disputes arising under the terms of this contract regarding payment, APPLICANT's sole remedy is the filing of a claim with the Board of Adjustment of the State of Alabama.

21. The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of one year, commencing on the ____ day of _____, 20____, and ending on the ____ day of _____, 20____.

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This Agreement is deemed to be executed on the date hereinabove set forth by the parties hereto in their respective names by those persons and officials thereunto duly authorized. Witness our hands and seals, this the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

SEAL

ATTEST:

Legal Name of Applicant

Signature

By: _____
Authorized Signature for Applicant

Typed or Printed Name

Typed or Printed Name of Signee

Title

Title of Signee

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THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN LEGALLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY:

Legal Counsel for
Alabama Department of Transportation

Signature

Date

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

DISTRICT:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

AREA:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

REGION:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

DEPUTY
DIRECTOR, :
OPERATIONS

Printed Name

Signature

Date

**STATE OF ALABAMA
ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation Director

Date

The forgoing agreement is hereby approved by the Governor of the State of Alabama this ____ Day of _____, 20 ____.

GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA