

Adopt-A-Lot Program

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About the Program

The Omaha Municipal Land Bank (OMLB) Adopt-A-Lot program allows residents, businesses, school groups, civic or non-profit organization, or neighborhood groups to steward and care for an OMLB-owned vacant lot in their community without the burden of taxes or other financial obligations that come with ownership. Participants can create a peaceful and enjoyable space for everyone to share. Adopting a vacant lot can improve living conditions in your neighborhood and helps Omaha become a more beautiful and productive place to live for everyone!

What to know before applying

- Anyone interested in adopting a property must complete and submit an application. All applications subject to OMLB approval.
- Approved applicants will receive a one-year license to temporarily maintain and utilize the property for permitted projects outlined in their license granted by OMLB.
- Review the application on the website to familiarize yourself with the questions.
- Review the permitted and prohibited uses for Adopt-A-Lot properties prior to applying. (See back)
- Review the list of available OMLB Standard Inventory properties on our website.
- Conduct due diligence. All applicants should research the property by visiting the lot or contacting City Planning to verify that your intended use is permitted under City zoning regulations.
- Applications will be reviewed biweekly until all spots in the program are filled.
- Still have questions about the program? Contact our office at 402-800-1247 to speak with our team.

What to know once approved

- ADOPTED LOTS REMAIN UNDER THE OWNERSHIP OF THE OMAHA MUNICIPAL LAND BANK. The Licensee is granted the privilege of usage of the lot.
- Licensees must renew their interest in the adopted property by submitting a new application within 30-days of the expiration of license term.
- Licensees will be required to enter into a hold-harmless agreement releasing OMLB of any liability that may arise from the maintenance of the lot.
- Provide a Waiver of Subrogation and proof of Limited Liability Insurance – Certificate of Insurance (COI).
- Quarterly inspections will be performed by OMLB to verify compliance with regulations. Adopted lots found to be in noncompliance will result in the revocation of the Licensee's privilege.
- Complete a mandatory orientation is required.

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What to know once approved cont.

- Omaha Municipal Land Bank may host Lunch and Learn events as well as an end-of-the-season community celebration.
- The subject property will remain listed on the website for transparency purposes but will not be marketed for sale.

Permitted Uses

- Garden Beds
- Raised Garden Beds
- Benches
- Flowerpots
- Pocket Parks

Prohibited Uses

- Parking of ANY type of vehicle
- Installation of ANY type of permanent structure
- Tree planting
- Housed or roam free pets/animals
- Storage of large piles of compost
- NO private business of any type
- NO religious services
- NO unapproved parties/gatherings
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages
- No renting, leasing, or subletting of the adopted property is permitted. License is non-transferable.
- Removal of any signage installed by the Omaha Municipal Land Bank

How to Apply

Complete an application on our website, omahalandbank.org.