

Resolution No. 316

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 274 AND ESTABLISHING REVISED VOLUNTEER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

WHEREAS, the City of Woodinville Volunteer Program was established in 1999 with the original mission to "promote Council goals by recruiting, training, managing and celebrating the efforts of community volunteers who offer their skills and their hearts to making Woodinville a better place to live and work"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodinville "Volunteer Policies and Procedures" were adopted by the City Council in April 2001 via Resolution No. 193 and amended in August 2004 via Resolution No. 274 and have been revised to incorporate the "Volunteer Milestones Recognition" Program, to add language to the policies and Volunteer Intake Form regarding criminal background screening, to provide new guidelines regarding volunteers non-use and restricted use of power tools and to add a new "Eagle Scout Project Statement of Commitment" form to formalize such service projects.

WHEREAS, the City of Woodinville is committed to the effective, safe, and meaningful use of community volunteers in order to build community spirit, engage citizens in local government, meet civic objectives, provide efficient and expanded service delivery to the City organization and community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE,
WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Adoption of the Plan. The City Council hereby adopts the Volunteer Policies and Procedures of the City of Woodinville, as set forth in Attachment A.

Section 2. Review. The City Council hereby directs the staff to regularly review the plan and recommend to the City Council any necessary changes.

Section 3. Resolution No. 274 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SIGNED IN
AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE THIS 12th DAY OF JUNE, 2006.**

APPROVED:



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VOLUNTEER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON



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Volunteer Policies & Procedures: Legislative History

The City of Woodinville is best served by the active participation of community citizens as volunteers. Volunteers learn more about their City and contribute to its effectiveness, thereby fostering increased cooperation and understanding.

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance and direction to staff engaged in volunteer management and volunteers who participate in the City's program. Specifically, these policies address volunteer recruitment, eligibility and screening, orientation and training, utilization and placement, supervision, development, recognition and retention, and evaluation.

On April 8, 2001, the City Council adopted its Volunteer Policies and Procedures (Resolution 193). Revisions to the document (to better follow the volunteer process and reflect updated practices) were made in May 2004 and reviewed by the City Attorney and the City's insurance agency, Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA). This revised Volunteer Policies and Procedures (VP&P) were presented to and adopted by City Council on August 16, 2004 via Resolution 274.

On June 12, 2006, the City Council considered Resolution No. 316 that proposes the following amendments to the VP&P

- incorporate a formal "Volunteer Hours Milestones Recognition Program" (Appendix L)
- additional language regarding background screening (Appendix C & 3.01)
- Additional language regarding volunteer use & non-use of power tools (5.08)
- incorporate a "Eagle Scout Project Statement of Commitment (Appendix M)

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The mission of the City of Woodinville Volunteer Program is to promote Council goals and enhance Woodinville's quality of life by encouraging citizens to volunteer. Volunteers are to be provided with meaningful, challenging opportunities to further their development, while supporting their community.

Section I - Overview

1.01 City of Woodinville voluntarism

The City of Woodinville is best served by the active participation of community citizens: citizens of all ages learn more about their City and their fellow citizens, fostering increased cooperation and understanding. To this end, the City encourages the involvement of volunteers within all appropriate programs and activities. City Council members, commission and board members, and staff members are encouraged to support productive roles and meaningful experiences for City volunteers.

1.02 Statement of purpose

The purpose of these policies is to provide overall guidance and direction to staff and volunteers engaged in volunteer management. These policies are intended for internal management guidance only, and do not constitute, either implicitly or explicitly, a binding contractual or personnel agreement. The City reserves the exclusive right to change any of these policies at any time and to expect adherence to the changed policy. The Volunteer Coordinator, upon approval of the City Manager, shall determine areas not specifically covered by these policies.

These policies and procedures (including appendices) are available on the City's employee intranet.

1.03 Scope

Unless specifically stated, these policies apply to all City of Woodinville volunteers in all programs and projects undertaken on behalf of the City, and to all departments and sites of operation of the City. The sole exception is elected officials, for whom these policies do not apply.

1.04 Definitions

"At-risk" – any child under sixteen (16) years of age, developmentally disabled persons, and "vulnerable adults" as that term is defined in RCW 43.43.830(9)

"Court-ordered" -- any community service ordered by a legal entity

"Minor" -- any individual under eighteen (18) years of age

"One-time event volunteer" – A volunteer who contributes his/her time ONLY to a once-per-year event lasting one day or less. Examples include the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration and Woodinville Light Festival.

"Supervisor of volunteer" – a designated City staff or volunteer charged with the initial training, then ongoing support and management of one or more City volunteers. Supervisors of minor volunteers must be adults.

"Volunteer" - anyone who without compensation performs a task at the direction of and on behalf of the City. A "volunteer" must be officially accepted and enrolled by the City prior to performance of the task. Unless specifically stated in the Personnel Policies of the City of Woodinville, volunteers shall not be considered as "employees" of the City of Woodinville.

"Volunteer Coordinator" – a paid staff person who is charged with overseeing the City's management of volunteers.

1.05 Role of the Volunteer Coordinator

The productive utilization and management of volunteers requires a planned and organized effort. The function of the Volunteer Coordinator is to provide a central coordinating contact for effective volunteer

recruitment and management within the City, and to support and assist staff and volunteer efforts to provide more productive services.

The Volunteer Coordinator shall bear primary responsibility for recruiting suitable volunteers, assessing and responding to needs for volunteers, planning effective volunteer utilization, supporting the meaningful and productive roles of volunteers, facilitating opportunities for honoring and recognizing volunteers, and for tracking and evaluating volunteer contributions to the City.

1.06 Volunteer rights and responsibilities

Volunteers are a valuable resource to the City, its staff, and its residents. Volunteers shall be extended the right to be given meaningful assignments, the right to be treated as respected "co-workers," the right to effective supervision, the right to feedback on performance, the right to appropriate involvement and participation, and the right to recognition for accomplishments.

In return, volunteers shall agree to actively perform their duties to the best of their abilities and to remain loyal to the goals, policies, and procedures of the City. Volunteers shall agree to act in a prompt and professional manner, and to adequately inform staff of planned and unexpected absences.

1.07 Scope of volunteer involvement

Utilization of volunteer resources shall be considered for all applicable programs and activities of the City.

1.08 Right to reject services

The City reserves the right to limit the use of volunteers, adjust the hours of any volunteer or to reject services as it, in its sole discretion, deems fit, in order to best achieve its public purpose and policy. No employment or any other contractual right is created by these policies. The City is grateful for the volunteer services of the community, but nothing in these policies should be interpreted as a right to participate in any program, nor to assure the continuance of any volunteer position.

Grounds for rejecting services may include, but are not limited to: misrepresentation of information on required paperwork, unsatisfactory background check, gross misconduct or insubordination, being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, theft of property, misuse of City equipment or materials, mistreatment of clients or co-workers, failure to abide by City policies and procedures, failure to meet the standards of performance relating to the essential functions of the volunteer position, and/or failure to satisfactorily perform assigned duties.

Section 2 – Volunteer Recruitment

2.01 General recruitment

Volunteers shall be recruited by the City on a pro-active basis, with the intent of broadening and expanding the volunteer involvement of the community. Volunteers shall be recruited without regard to any individual's sex, race, color, religion, national origin, pregnancy, age, marital status, medical condition, disability, or any other basis prohibited by local, state, or federal law. Volunteers may be recruited either through an interest in specific functions or through a general interest in volunteering.

The City will use its usual means of communication to recruit volunteers, including the public website, publications and public outreach.

2.02 Reasonable accommodation

The City will provide reasonable accommodation to qualified, disabled volunteers.

2.03 Recruitment of minors

Generally speaking, the City of Woodinville will not accept as an *individual* volunteer anyone less than 14 years of age, but encourages participation of all ages in event-related and other group appropriate projects (such as Sammamish ReLeaf).

The City encourages individual minors (14-18) participation as volunteers so that these volunteer can accomplish their service hour requirements for school. Individual minor volunteers are assigned to an appropriate supervisor who may be staff or an adult volunteer.

Groups and organizations (including families) whose members consists of children under age 14 shall be allowed to volunteer with appropriate projects, provided their independent sponsoring group or organization adequately provides all of the adult supervision necessary for all minors to perform the activity safely. The City shall not be responsible for providing adequate adult supervision for groups including minor volunteers.

Each volunteer who has not reached the age of 18 must have the written consent of a parent or legal guardian prior to volunteering. (See **Appendix A: Volunteer Agreement**)

2.04 Court-ordered community service

The City will facilitate, whenever possible, volunteer opportunities for persons who are directed by a legal authority to complete community service hours. Most referrals for court-ordered community service for minors come through the Accountability Board (formerly Juvenile Diversion).

Volunteers must meet conviction record requirements as set forth in Section 3.01.04 of these Policies. There must be adequate City resources to provide appropriate supervision of such a volunteer. Supervisor(s) of such a volunteer shall be informed of the volunteer’s legal requirement, but shall not be provided the details. Court-ordered community service volunteers must read and sign the Community Service Contract (**Appendix B**) before commencing volunteer service.

2.05 City employees as volunteers

The City accepts and encourages the services of its staff as volunteers. This service is accepted provided that the volunteer service is:

- a) provided totally without any coercive nature,
- b) involves tasks which are outside the scope of normal staff duties, and
- c) is provided outside of usual working hours.

Additionally, the City supports its employees in volunteering with other community organizations, outside work hours.

2.06 Eagle Scout volunteer service projects

The City may work with Eagle Scout award candidates in supporting a service project that benefits the City and assists the Scout in attaining his Eagle Scout Award. The “Eagle Scout Project Statement of Commitment” (**Appendix M**) is to be used to formalize such projects and to clarify role & responsibilities. This form must be completed by a designated City representative, the Scout and the Scout’s parent prior to commitment of resources and any implementation.

Section 3 – Volunteer Eligibility, Acceptance, Placement & Orientation

3.01 Requirements for eligibility

To be eligible to become a City of Woodinville volunteer, each prospective volunteer must initially complete the following requirements (chart below). All required forms should be completed, signed and returned to appropriate staff, then forwarded to the Volunteer Coordinator.

Requirement	All Volunteers	Exception: one-time event volunteers
Volunteer Agreement form (Appendix A)	Required	Required
Volunteer Intake form (Appendix C)	Required	Not required
Community Service Contract (Appendix B)	Required only for court-ordered service	Required only for court-ordered service
Criminal history screening	Required only for volunteers placed in unsupervised, direct contact with at-risk populations	Required only for volunteers placed in unsupervised, direct contact with at-risk populations
Face-to-face interview	Required	Not required

Description of requirements:

3.01.01 Agreement Regarding Individual Volunteer Service within the City Form (aka Volunteer Agreement) (**Appendix A**)

3.01.02 Community Service Contract (Appendix B):

Required for anyone wishing to complete court-ordered community service hours.

3.01.03 Volunteer Intake Form (Appendix C):

The purpose of this document is to elicit information helpful in screening and finding an appropriate placement for volunteer applicants, as well as necessary information regarding criminal background checks and references.

3.01.04 Screening for placement with at-risk populations

For the purposes of this section "at-risk clients" shall include children under sixteen years of age, developmentally disabled persons, and "vulnerable adults" as that term is defined in RCW 43.43.830(9).

Where volunteers are to be placed in direct contact with at-risk clients, screening procedures will be instituted. These procedures may include reference checks, direct background investigation, criminal investigation, etc. All volunteers to be placed with at-risk clients shall submit adequate information to allow the City to conduct a background check. The prospective volunteer is required to make the disclosures set forth in RCW 43.43.834(2). Volunteers who refuse permission to conduct these checks or who fail to submit the proper information will not be accepted for placement with these clients.

The City of Woodinville will **NOT** consider for placement with at-risk populations any volunteer applicant who has been convicted of committing a "crime against children or other persons," as defined by RCW 43.43.830(5):

"Crime against children or other persons" means a conviction of any of the following offenses: Aggravated murder; first or second degree murder; first or second degree kidnapping; first, second, or third degree assault; first, second, or third degree assault of a child; first, second, or third degree rape; first, second, or third degree rape of a child; first or second degree robbery; first degree arson; first degree burglary; first or second degree manslaughter; first or second degree extortion; indecent liberties; incest; vehicular homicide; first degree promoting prostitution; communication with a minor; unlawful imprisonment; simple assault; sexual exploitation of minors; first or second degree criminal mistreatment; endangerment with a controlled substance; child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020; first or second degree custodial interference; first or second degree custodial sexual misconduct; malicious harassment; first, second, or third degree child molestation; first or second degree sexual misconduct with a minor; patronizing a juvenile prostitute; child abandonment; promoting pornography; selling or distributing erotic material to a minor; custodial assault; violation of child abuse restraining order; child buying or selling; prostitution; felony indecent exposure; criminal abandonment; or any of these crimes as they may be renamed in the future.

For volunteer applicants who have one or more convictions (for crimes other than "crime against children or others") and five or more years have passed between the most recent conviction and date of application, the City of Woodinville, may, at its discretion, consider applicants for non-at-risk placement only.

The City shall notify the volunteer applicant of the result a Washington State Patrol check, and shall provide a copy to the prospective volunteer, within ten (10) days of receiving the result/response.

Criminal background checks will be renewed every year for volunteers in contact with at-risk populations.

The City shall not make the distinction between "supervised" and "unsupervised" volunteer assignments when considering potential placement with at-risk populations. **ALL** volunteer

applicants with potential contact with at-risk populations are to receive background screening prior to placement decisions.

In the event that a volunteer requests to transfer from a volunteer position that has not required a criminal background screening to a volunteer position that is with at-risk clients, an appropriate screening will be conducted on that volunteer, with no deference to their length of service or status.

3.01.05 Face-to-face interview

Prior to being assigned or appointed to a position, all prospective volunteers shall receive a face-to-face interview to ascertain their suitability for and interest in that position. Interviews may be conducted by any member of the Community Relations Division or other trained staff. Interviews may be waived for one-time event volunteers. The interview should determine the qualifications and goals of the volunteer, his or her commitment to fulfill the requirements of the position, and provide an opportunity for the volunteer to ask questions.

3.02 Acceptance by the City

For all City of Woodinville volunteers: the City may accept a volunteer upon completion of requirements as outlined in the Section 3.01 Table.

In most cases, acceptance will be communicated verbally or in writing by the Volunteer Coordinator, or other appropriate staff. No volunteer shall begin any placement nor orientation until he or she has been officially accepted for that position and has completed all necessary screening and paperwork:

3.03 Placement

In placing a volunteer, consideration shall be paid to the interests and capabilities of the volunteer and to the requirements of the volunteer position, as well as priority of need. Every effort is made to provide the best match between the needs of the volunteer and the placement/supervising staff. No position should be given to an unqualified volunteer. The supervising staff should be given adequate confirmation of the placement and/or arrival of a newly placed volunteer, by the Volunteer Coordinator, or appropriate staff.

3.04 Acceptance of volunteer placement by staff

No volunteer will be assigned to work with a staff person without the consent of that staff person. Since volunteers are considered a valuable resource in performing the City's work, staffs are encouraged to seriously consider creative ways in which volunteers can be of service and to consult with the Volunteer Coordinator if in need of assistance.

3.05 Volunteer General Orientation

Each volunteers shall receive the City of Woodinville Volunteer General Orientation (**Appendix D1**) which includes an overview of City of Woodinville information and history, City policies, the City's customer service standards, City communications, the nature and operation of the volunteer's function, and volunteer recognition opportunities.

At the completion of the Volunteer General Orientation, each volunteer must sign a Volunteer General Orientation Agreement (page 52 of the PowerPoint file or **Appendix D2**), indicating they have read/received the information, understand it, and agree to abide.

The Volunteer General Orientation is in PowerPoint format and is accessible to all City staff at file location, determined by the Volunteer Coordinator in cooperation with IS Division.

The Volunteer General Orientation is required for all City volunteers, with exception of one-time event volunteers who may be waived from the Orientation. Volunteers may choose the most suitable Orientation format.

Volunteer General Orientation format	All Volunteers	Exception: one-time event volunteers
Self-guided, on City computer	Format available	Not required
Hard-copy format (take home or mailed)	Format available	Not required
One-on-one presentation by trained staff	Format available	Not required

If a "one-time event" volunteer also volunteers for the City in any other regular or extended capacity, then said volunteer must complete a Volunteer General Orientation before commencing regular volunteer service.

The self-guided computer format or hard-copy format should take most volunteers 20 minutes to complete. In the event that a volunteer may highly benefit from a one-on-one presentation-style Volunteer General Orientation, arrangements may be made with the Volunteer Coordinator.

The Volunteer General Orientation must be completed before volunteer service may begin. For convenience sake, this orientation may be completed the volunteer's first day, but must be done before beginning assigned duties.

3.06 Supplemental Orientation for Appointed Officials

WCIA suggests that appointed officials (Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Tree Board and Public Arts Advisory Committee) also complete a supplemental section to the Volunteer General Orientation that addresses responsibilities and roles specific to that appointed office. Each appointed volunteer must indicate on the Volunteer General Orientation Agreement that they have completed the supplemental material (by initialing a check box).

Under current policy, registering as a City volunteer and recording volunteer hours, appointed volunteers are provided liability coverage through WCIA and medical aid coverage through State Labor and Industries coverage.

3.07 Placement-specific training

Staffs who supervise volunteers shall have primary responsibility for design and delivery of on-the-job training to volunteers assigned to them.

Volunteers shall receive from their assigned Supervisor specific on-the-job training to provide the information and skills necessary to perform volunteer assignments. The timing and methods for delivery of such training should be appropriate to the complexity and demands of the positions and the capabilities of the volunteers. If volunteer duties change during the course of the volunteer's service, then the Supervisor shall provide additional training on necessary skills or knowledge.

Placement-specific training will likely occur on the volunteer's first day of assignment, but must take place before the volunteer begins their duties.

Section 4 – Request for Volunteers

4.01 Staff requests for volunteers

Requests for volunteers may be submitted by phone or by email to the Volunteer Coordinator by providing the following information:

- a) date/duration of need,
- b) number of volunteers needed,
- c) name and phone number of contact/supervisor,
- d) a brief description of volunteer duties and

e) degree of urgency.

The recruitment of volunteers is enhanced by developing meaningful duties, and by providing a two-week advance notice of the request.

4.02 Volunteer work descriptions

Formal volunteer work descriptions for most existing volunteer placements have been developed and shall be used for the purposes of educating the community on volunteer opportunities, assisting prospective volunteers to determine a placement and clarifying volunteer duties. Volunteer work descriptions may be used for performance evaluations of volunteers. It will be the responsibility of the Volunteer Coordinator to create any necessary formal work descriptions for new volunteer placements, based upon staff input and expressed need.

4.03 Placement confirmation

Final assignment of a potential volunteer should be approved by the appropriate supervisor. The volunteer will then be informed of the placement confirmation. It may be necessary for the volunteer him/herself to contact the Supervisor directly to arrange scheduling, in which case the volunteer will be provided with Supervisor contact information.

Section 5 – Supervision and Performance of Volunteers

5.01 Requirements of a supervisor

Each volunteer with the City must have a clearly identified supervisor who is responsible for direct management of that volunteer. This supervisor may be a City staff person, a trained adult volunteer, or other designated person. This supervisor shall be responsible for initial placement-specific training of the volunteer, day-to-day management and guidance of the work, and shall be available to the volunteer for consultation and assistance.

The Supervisor of Volunteer Checklist (**Appendix E**) is intended as a resource to those who supervise volunteers to insure consistency in screening, placement, training and supervision. Volunteer forms and policies are available on the City's employee intranet.

Individual minor (age 14-18) volunteers must have an adult supervisor. For groups of minor volunteers (any age under 18), arrangements must be made within the independent sponsoring organization or group to provide adequate adult supervision. Generally, adequate adult supervision of minor volunteers means no greater than a 1-4 ratio of adults to youth.

5.02 Volunteer / staff relationships

Volunteers and staff are considered to be partners in implementing the mission and programs of the City, with each having a complementary role to play. It is essential for the proper operation of this relationship that each partner understands and respects the needs and abilities of the other.

5.03 Staff training on volunteer management and resources

An orientation on working with and managing volunteers will be provided to all staff, generally, once a year. In-service training on effective volunteer utilization may be provided to those staff members that are highly involved in volunteer management.

5.04 Worksite

An appropriate worksite shall be established by the supervisor for each volunteer. This worksite shall contain necessary facilities, equipment, and space to enable the volunteer to effectively and comfortably perform his or her duties. Volunteer work sites are subject to the same safety requirements as are all City work sites.

5.05 Dress code and identification

As representatives of the City, volunteers, like staff, are responsible for presenting a good image to clients and to the community. Volunteers shall dress appropriately for the conditions and performance of their duties. Volunteers are to be identified by wearing approved nametags or other methods provided by the City of Woodinville.

