

City of Biloxi

Comprehensive Beautification Plan (draft 3-18-2026)

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The City of Biloxi Comprehensive Beautification Plan is intended to guide the beautification of public and private properties and thoroughfares in Biloxi, to create a mindset among the Biloxi populace that says “Beautification is more than just picking up litter and planting flowers. It’s about instilling shared values with a goal of making a community inviting.”

This plan provides the framework to achieve those goals.

The plan incorporates four key components:

1. Beautification, how to.

a. Property owners/residents responsibilities

- i. Property owners/residents should abide by basic expectations, as outlined in existing city ordinances (regarding height of grass, trash pick up, sidewalk care, avoid blocking storm drains or ditches, etc.)
- ii. Use native species and best practices for flower beds in private, public and/or commercial businesses.

b. City responsibilities

- i. Beautification superintendent and appropriate city representative meet monthly with commission to provide updates and status reports on beautification efforts.
- ii. City refrains from using weedkiller for maintenance of ROWs, medians and other areas.
- iii. Heightened enforcement of codes involving removal of trash cans from curb.
- iv. Consistent “No Dumping” fines and appropriate signage throughout city. Currently, “No Dumping” signs are either \$100 or \$400.
- v. Provide timely plantings and enhanced upkeep of medians, beds or landscaping at several high profile areas:

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| ■ Visitors Center and Lighthouse Park | ■ Cedar Lake exits at I-10 |
| ■ Lighthouse base and median | ■ I-110 exits at Bayview, Division and I-110 |
| ■ Amtrak platform flower bed | ■ Biloxi Bay Bridge |
| ■ City Hall flower beds | ■ Back Bay Bridge |
| ■ MLK Municipal Building flower beds and landscaping | ■ Popp’s Ferry bridge |
| | ■ Point Cadet Fishing Bridge |

2. Adoption programs

Adoption programs

Who can adopt a median

Individuals	School groups (with proper supervision)
Businesses	Organizations
Families	
Civic groups	
Church groups	

How it works

- The plan includes various locations, possible renderings of flower bed treatments, suggested plantings, etc. Is water available at site?
 - Adopters would review options available and review the list of responsibilities before deciding plan of action.
 - Adopters must agree to all terms and conditions, safety guidelines and waivers.
- a. Medians/roads/streets (planting, maintaining or litter-pick up)**
- a. Adopt and maintain a six-block stretch (or more), including both sides of the street.
 - b. Serve as a volunteer in this program for at least two years.
 - c. Agree to pick up litter at least four times per year.
 - d. Agree to abide by all safety rules and guidelines.
 - e. In coordination with the Beautification Commission, the City will
 - A. provide official safety vests, gloves, trash bags and “Workers Ahead” traffic safety signs
 - B. install an Adopt-a-Roadway sign displaying the name of the adopting group
 - f. Provide safety rules and guidelines.
 - g. Remove litter bags after pick up at pre-arranged locations.

Roadways

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| ■ Irish Hill Drive | ■ Cedar Lake Road, north of Popp’s Ferry |
| ■ Pass Road | ■ Cedar Lake Road, south of Popp’s |
| ■ DeBuys Road (U.S. 90 to Pass Road) | ■ Popp’s Ferry Road (Pass to bridge) |
| ■ Back Bay Boulevard (Reynoir to Oak) | ■ Popp’s Ferry Road (bridge to Jam lane) |
| ■ Division Street (Oak to Lee) | ■ Popp’s Ferry Road (Jam Lane to Cedar Lane) |
| ■ Division Street (Lee to Caillavet) | ■ Popp’s Ferry (Cedar Lake to city limits) |
| ■ Division Street (Hopkins to Keesler) | |
| ■ Oak Street | |
| ■ Myrtle Street and areas eastward | |

b. Sites (parks, high-profile landmarks)

- a. Adopt the entire median or other area.
- b. Agree to maintain it during all seasons.
- c. Provide a plan on what will be placed in the area, including plantings, mulch, groundcover or landscaping materials.
- d. Provide and install, at your own cost, any plantings and other materials and provide for ongoing upkeep.
- e. Clean the area at least four times a year, including litter cleanup and removal of dead plants and leaves. Additionally, incorporate Christmas decorations in the area from Thanksgiving to after first of the year.
- f. Properly dispose of all waste vegetation, materials and litter.

Suggested sites for adopting

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| ■ White House Fountain | ■ Pennzoil Park |
| ■ Guice Park (at Biloxi Small Craft Harbor) | ■ Peresich Park |
| ■ Glennan Park (near Biloxi Small Craft Harbor) | ■ Hiller Park |
| ■ O'Reilly Park (Division Street) | ■ Miramar Park |
| | ■ Dog Park |

3. Anti-litter campaigns

- a. Organized volunteer clean-ups
- b. Educational media PSAs

4. Private and public funding

- a. Sponsorships
- b. Donations to Keep Biloxi Beautiful fund.
- c. City/county/state/grants
- d. Tree mitigation fund