ADOPT A BENCH

MIAMIBEACH PARKS & RECREATION

ADOPT-A-BENCH
PROGRAM

The City of Miami Beach has established an Adopt-A-Bench Program, providing individuals or entities the ability to commemorate or honor family, friends, or special events by adopting a new or an existing bench in a City park.

The following are the established procedures and requirements for the Adopt-A-Bench Program, which are subject to change by the City:

- In order to participate in the Program, the attached application must be completed and submitted to the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department, 1701 Meridian Avenue, Suite 401, Miami Beach, FL 33139. Donors may elect to adopt an existing park bench or propose the addition of a new bench within a City park. Participation in the Program requires a $10,000.00 adoption fee, to be paid in full by the donor within thirty (30) days of application approval. The adoption fee will cover the cost of new bench installation and maintenance, or the maintenance of an existing bench, whichever is applicable, including the purchase, inscription, and installation of a commemorative plaque. Proceeds from the Adopt-A-Bench Program will be used to finance City park beautification efforts. Donors must acknowledge that the adopted bench is for the use of the general public at all times during park hours, and that the commemorative plaque is subject to approval pursuant to Section 82-504 of the City Code.

- The City of Miami Beach is a duly incorporated municipality in the State of Florida exempt from federal taxation as a tax exempt public corporation. Donations to the City of Miami Beach through the Adopt-A-Bench Program are defined as charitable contributions and are deductible as provided by federal law. Donors are responsible for consulting with a tax professional.

- Parks and Recreation Department standards will be used in the selection of bench and plaque options. If a new bench is to be installed, it shall replicate other benches at that park. Donors may not design their own bench/plaque, or have an external vendor supply a bench/plaque. Not all City park benches (or proposed sites) are eligible for participation in the program.

- Park location and bench sites are subject to approval and availability. Bench and plaque options (design, color, material, inscription, etc.) shall be strictly limited to those pre-determined by the Parks and Recreation Department, as described in the attached application. The plaque will remain affixed to the bench for a minimum of ten years. After ten years, the bench will be made available for re-adoption, provided that the Adopt-A-Bench Program is in existence. Prior to expiration of the ten-year period, the original donor may contact the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department to re-adopt the bench. If a donor does not re-adopt the bench by paying the re-adoption fee to the Parks and Recreation Department prior to the expiration of the ten year period, the bench will be eligible for adoption by another individual or entity.

- The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to alter, relocate, permanently move, or replace a bench/plaque due to capital construction, landscape redesign, or other extenuating circumstances. During the ten-year donation period, a comparable location will be provided by the City. In the event of damage to the bench and/or plaque as a result of a natural disaster or vandalism, the City is not obligated to repair or replace the bench and/or plaque. Donors are encouraged to keep all contact information up-to-date with the Parks and Recreation Department.

- The City reserves the right not to accept applications from entities whose business involves products and/or services which, at the City's sole discretion, are not considered appropriate in terms of affiliation with a public entity, particularly a parks and recreation system, and which would conflict with the City's brand or licensing agreements.

All inquiries regarding the Adopt-A-Bench Program should be referred to the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department at 305.673.7272 or by email to adoptabench@miamibeachfl.gov; office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

ADOPT-A-BENCH PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

SECTION 1 – PARK/BENCH LOCATION

Name of park: _____

Park address: _____

Indicate the bench that is desired to be adopted:

☐ Existing bench ☐ New bench at a proposed location

Specific bench location within park (attach photograph or map if possible): _____

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SECTION 2 – APPLICANT INFORMATION

A. (SECTION APPLICABLE ONLY TO INDIVIDUALS, NOT CORPORATIONS OR OTHER ENTITIES)

Name of applicant (individual): _____

Home address: _____

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Mobile telephone number: _____

Alternate telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

B. (SECTION APPLICABLE ONLY TO PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES, NOT INDIVIDUALS)

Name of entity: _____

Type of entity: ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ LLC ☐ Other

Entity representative: _____

Entity representative's title/position: _____

Entity representative's telephone number: _____

Entity's primary nature of business: _____

Entity address: _____

Office telephone number: _____

Alternate telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

State of organization: _____

Date of organization: _____

Name of registered agent: _____

Address of registered agent: _____

Name of President or equivalent: _____

Name of Vice President or equivalent: _____

Name of Treasurer or equivalent: _____

SECTION 3 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

By submitting this application, I acknowledge and agree that I will abide by all of the procedures and requirements of the Adopt-A-Bench Program. I further acknowledge that my contribution will be placed into the Adopt-A-Bench Program Fund, the purpose of which is to install and maintain park benches in the Adopt-A-Bench Program, and to finance City park beautification efforts, and that the City reserves the right to temporarily or permanently alter or relocate adopted benches. In addition, I acknowledge that donors may not design their own bench and plaque, and donors must select a bench and plaque from City-approved options. I further acknowledge that the bench I adopt pursuant to the Adopt-A-Bench Program is for the use of the general public, is subject to use only during park hours, and is subject to all other applicable City regulations. I also understand that it is my responsibility to update the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department with my current contact information. In addition, I acknowledge that the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject any proposed plaque inscription containing language that is obscene, lewd, defamatory, infringes on the proprietary rights of any third party, or which is submitted by an entity whose business involves products or services that are considered inappropriate in terms of affiliation with a public entity, or which would conflict with the City of Miami Beach's brand or its licensing agreements.

Name of Individual or Entity representative: _____

Entity representative's title/position (*if applicable*): _____

Signature of Individual or Entity representative: _____

SECTION 4 – BENCH PLAQUE

Person(s)/special event to be commemorated: _____

Using the numbered spaces provided below, insert your desired plaque inscription.
Note there is a limit of one character per box and a maximum of four rows with thirty characters per row.

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SECTION 5 – NEW BENCH OPTIONS
(ONLY APPLICABLE FOR NEW BENCHES)

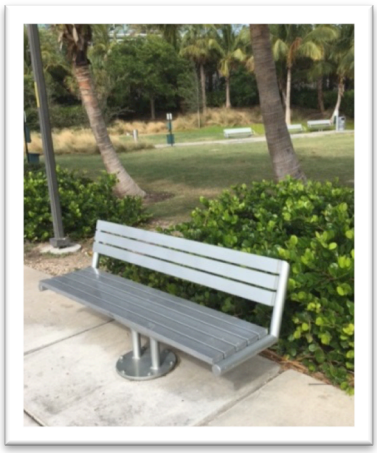
If adopting a new bench, to be installed at a City-approved location within a park, bench options are limited to the following, based on their location:

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

- Allison Park
- Altos Del Mar Park
- Beach View Park
- Belle Isle Park
- Brittany Bay Park
- Crespi Park
- Fairway Park
- Fisher Park
- Hibiscus Island Park
- Indian Beach Park
- La Gorce Park
- Marjory Stoneman Douglas Park
- Maurice Gibb Memorial Park
- Miami Beach Golf Club
- Muss Park
- Normandy Isle Park
- Normandy Shores Golf Club
- Normandy Shores Park
- North Shore Bandshell Park
- North Shore Open Space Park
- North Shore Park & Youth Center
- Palm Island Park
- Parkview Island Park
- Parkview Park Annex (Beach Garden)
- Pinetree Park
- Poinciana Park
- Polo Park
- Scott Rakow Youth Center
- Stillwater Park
- Sunset Isle II Park
- Sunset Lake Park (Sunset Island IV Park)
- Tatum Park
- Washington Park
- Washington Park Annex

COLLINS PARK

FLAMINGO PARK

LUMMUS PARK

SOUTH POINTE PARK