

# City of Independence Home Beautification Award

## -SUBMISSION FORM-

Nominator's name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's address \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Category: (circle one)      Owner-maintained      Contractor-maintained

Photos: (circle one)      Enclosed      Emailed

Note any special comments you wish to make about the residence/property being nominated

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### TO ENTER:

1. Complete form in its entirety.
2. Enclose photos or email to: [cs@independenceohio.org](mailto:cs@independenceohio.org)
3. Submit entry to: Community Services Department, Independence Civic Center  
6363 Selig Drive, Independence, OH 44131.
4. All applications must be received by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

For questions: (216) 524-7373

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## -SUBMISSION GUIDELINES-

The City of Independence has a long standing tradition of ensuring not only the proper upkeep of its residences but the promotion of beautification of its housing stock and properties to generally keep the entire community a desirable place in which to live. This award is established to celebrate those residences and to promote, encourage and recognize individuals who take the time to invest in enhancing the exterior beauty of their homes. The City desires to pay special tribute to those who design and maintain their properties by going above and beyond the average standard of care. Please read below, to learn more about this exciting award.

**AWARD PURPOSE:** The City-sponsored, public promotion of beautifully maintained properties in the City of Independence.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** Any residence in the City of Independence

**JUDGING COMMITTEE:** 5 residents of the City of Independence, including one council person or council appointee, two citizens, two Garden Club members

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

- 1) Submissions will be available online, in the community newsletter and at the Community Services Department for nominations and self-nominations on an annual basis. Completed applications and 3 photos of various aspects of the property are to be submitted to the Community Services Department no later than July 15 of each year. Residences being nominated must have prior approval by the homeowner.
- 2) Submissions will consider the following aspects of landscape design, including curb appeal, visible maintenance of the property, combination of live plant material, originality and friendliness to the environment.
- 3) Submissions will be reviewed by a 5-person committee, and finalists will be selected. Those finalists will be contacted after the deadline for site visits.
- 4) Finalists will be evaluated by the criteria attached to this document.
- 5) Up to three winners will be chosen for the owner-maintained category and up to three winners will be chosen for the contractor-maintained category, for a potential total of six winners each year.
- 6) Winners will receive a decorative sign to place in their yards for the forthcoming year, a proclamation from the City and public recognition at Home Days.

**SUMMARY:** This project will be a City-sponsored award, in partnership with the Garden Club, to recognize individuals who maintain their property above and beyond the standard level of care. By honoring up to six winners each year, the City hopes to beautify the community, one residence at a time. Though this award will be initiated in 2015, there is plenty of room for improvement and expansion of this award process. Multiple judging seasons during a single calendar year, including businesses and offering even more awards than a potential of six, are all possibilities for the future.

Exhibit A