

## Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2024)

<b>Department Name:</b>	Transportation	<b>Date:</b>	1/24/2024	<b>Total Rule Count:</b>	5
<b>IAC #:</b>	761	<b>Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):</b>	121	<b>Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:</b>	No specific rule authority
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**What is the intended benefit of the rule?**

The rule chapter is intended to provide guidance for the Adopt a Highway litter pick up program. This program allows individuals or groups to pick up litter along certain highways as a volunteer public service.

**Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.**

Yes. It seems to be a popular program. Hundreds of individuals and groups have active highway adoptions and sponsors often opt for renewing their adoption after it expires. Sponsors have removed thousands of large bags of litter from Iowa highways.

**What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?**

The public incurs no cost except the time needed to pick up litter; interested sponsors volunteer for the activity.

**What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?**

Costs to the Department directly associated with the rule chapter includes the staff time associated with assisting potential applicants, making and placing recognition signs, providing trash bags and vests, and dump fees for the bags of collected trash.

**Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.**

Yes. Sponsors have kept tons of litter from our waters and landscapes over the years and groups regularly renew their adoptions, indicating that they feel good about their service and the impact it has on their communities. For example, currently there are more than 150 sponsors who have continually renewed their adoptions for over 30 years straight.

**Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit?  YES  NO**

**If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.**

Because there is no Iowa code section requiring a rule chapter for this program, the Department is proposing to rescind and not repromulgate Chapter 121 and instead provide other guidance to manage the program on the Adopt a Highway website.

**Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]**

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None noted.

**RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):**

Entirety of chapter 121: 121.1 to 121.4, 121.5 (already rescinded) and 121.6

**RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):**

None noted.

***\*For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

**METRICS**

<b>Total number of rules repealed:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation</b>	<b>379</b>
<b>Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation</b>	<b>6</b>

**ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?**

None noted.