

# CITY OF GROVE WALL OF HONOR POLICY

The City of Grove Wall of Honor, located at the Grove Civic Center, will be used to honor and recognize deserving citizens, living or deceased, who has engaged in enduring leadership within the community, made possible long-term community enhancements, supported major project and events, provided financial and in-kind contributions and invested personal time and skills to the better of the community.

There are two categories for the Wall of Honor –

- 1) Citizens who have made contributions to the community prior to and including the year 1960;
- 2) Citizens who have made contributions to the community after 1960.

The following policy will be used in selecting recipients of this honor.

- Beginning in 2014, one designee will be honored each year as follows:
  - Category 1 will be honored every even year;
  - Category 2 will be honored every odd year;
- While it is anticipated that such designee would normally be one person, two or more persons who had made a contribution to the community jointly, will be deemed one designee.
- Nomination applications are available and must be submitted to the City Clerk, 104 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Grove, OK 74344 by September 1 beginning in 2014.
- Nominees must meet the following criteria to be considered:
  - *Category 1* –
    - Was a resident of Grove prior to and including the year 1960;
    - Was a resident of Grove for a minimum of ten (10) years;
    - Contributed significant community service in a positive way to the historical settlement; and/or development; and/or growth of the community;
    - Provided a unique influence to the quality of life for our community;
    - Was considered a founding father, long-time public servant, community activist, educator, community volunteer, etc.
    - Nominees may be living or deceased
  - *Category 2* –
    - Was a resident of Grove after 1960;
    - Been a resident of Grove for ten (10) or more years;
    - Provided significant community service contributions to Grove;
    - Sustained the quality of life or had a positive impact on the lives of Grove residents;

- Been an appropriate role model for peers as well as future generations;
  - Made a significant impact on the continuation/enhancement of established community programs; and/or created new opportunities for the community through new facilities or programs.
  - Nominees may be living or deceased.
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- Applications will be reviewed and an honoree will be selected by the Mayor and Council; the recipient will be recognized at the 1<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting in December of each year beginning in 2014.
  - A plaque engraved with the honoree's name and year of recognition will be placed on the Wall of Honor located at the Grove Civic Center.
  - Applications will be kept on file for a period of 3 years for consideration if not selected in the first year that it was submitted.
  - To promote advertisement of the Wall of Honor process, a press release containing information regarding the process will be provided to the local media and placed on the City of Grove's website.