**2024 SOTH Community Garden Registration and Agreement**

**Rules, Term and Conditions for Participation**

**Introduction**

**Welcome to SOTH Community Garden. We look forward to working together, getting to know each other and growing food for ourselves and for our community.**

**Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation**

If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:

1. I will use this garden at the sole discretion of SOTH Community Garden. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.

2. The fee for the use of the garden is $35 per container, per year (May – October), due on or before April 26, 2024. There are no refunds.

3. Once I have been assigned a container, I will cultivate and care for the container during the growing season, providing my own tools, seeds and soil amendments.

4. I agree not to use pesticides and will rely on organic solutions to mitigate weeds, disease and pests. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots is prohibited.

5. I will not plant any illegal plant. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons to the garden.

6. I will water my container according to water-wise guidelines. I understand church supplied water will only be available during the growing season (approximately May 15 - October 15) as determined by landscape maintenance provider.

7**. After watering my container, I will close the water hydrant handle, thus shutting off the supply of water through the hose, and further secure the hydrant handle by re-attaching and re-locking the padlock**.

8. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners’ containers. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.

9. At the end of the growing season, I am responsible for clearing up my container of all plant material and leaving the container as I found it in the spring.

10. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.

11. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

12. I forfeit my right to sue the owner of the property. The SOTH Garden Team is the highest governing authority at the SOTH Community Garden.

Breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your plot.

* You will receive one verbal warning from the garden manager.
* If no response or correction has been made, you will receive written notice two weeks later.
* In another two weeks, if no response or correction has been made, you will receive written final notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges, container and water fee.
* You will be allowed to re-apply for another garden container only after one year, and only at the discretion of the garden manager.