



## Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and the **World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

- If you have questions while completing this form, please email [livable@aarpp.org](mailto:livable@aarpp.org).
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 12/12/2016

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

**NAME OF THE COMMUNITY:** The City of Longwood

**STATE:** Florida

**POPULATION SIZE:** 13,657 (US Census Bureau, 2015-2016) 14,897 (2016 estimate, Source: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic & Business Research November 2016)

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 2862 (US Census Bureau, 2015-2016)

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Mayor Joseph Durso

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** 175 W. Warren Ave., Longwood, FL, 32750

### Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.

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**Please describe the named person’s role in the city or community’s age-friendly initiative:**

The Community Contact will work towards managing and coordinating our efforts towards creating an age friendly community, including coordinating different departments within the City and making them aware of our current and proposed efforts. Where possible, the contact will work towards joining up department efforts within the City and potentially external organizations to work towards the common goal of improving the engagement of older adults, working on a plan towards becoming more age friendly and promoting the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly policies and plans to address the aging demographics of our citizens to ensure that they are well connected and integrated as part of the city’s community.

### **Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS**

**1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.**

The City has several community policies, programs and services that are aimed at improving the quality of lives of older people and creating an age friendly community. The City currently has in place an array of social programs, some of which include the senior matinee, painting classes and fitness classes. The City RuOK Program provides assistance and resources to the elderly, in the City of Longwood by reaching into the community where they live and keeping track of emergency information for each residence visited. Through this method many of the citizens that may otherwise be overlooked are now routinely contacted and checked on. The RuOK Program has contacted over 150 seniors and works with several external organizations. The City's Comprehensive Plan policies support and help the quality of life of the older community. The City is currently working towards creating a safer and more walkable and transit oriented community by implementing the bicycle and pedestrian plan, supporting local transit including Sunrail, LYNX and continuing to subsidize the UBER project to and from the SunRail. There are also plans to create a new one stop municipal building which will be centrally located within the walkable downtown area. The City will also continue to support housing developments such as Heritage Village Commons that are dedicated to older people within the community.

**2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?**

The City will continue to engage and involve older people through continuing dedicated programs which are currently in place which include: the senior matinee, painting classes, fitness classes. Holding such events will help to bring together older people. The City RuOK Program provides assistance and resources to the elderly, in the City of Longwood by reaching into the community where they live this will give the City a direct connection with the older community and enable direct engagement.

**3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.**

The AARP network of Age-Friendly communities program has enabled the City to bring to light all of the current programs and initiatives which are currently in place which are aimed specifically towards the older community and also those which help to create a more age friendly community. This in turn has enabled the City to collaborative with different departments within the City. The City will continue its RuOK Program, an elderly outreach and support program which works with various external organizations and service providers such as; a home healthcare provider, At Risk Management Team (Seminole County), Crisis Intervention Team, Department of Children and Families, Guardian Care and Geriatric Service, Meals on Wheels, Nursing Homes, Seminole County Mental Health and TRIAD.

#### Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

#### 4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The City hopes to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities by continuing its current efforts as mentioned previously and by carrying out various plans which include implementing the Bicycle and pedestrian plan, roadway improvements on several roads throughout the City, improvements to and creation of safer pedestrian crossings, creation of a new one stop municipal building in which will be centrally located within the walkable downtown area, continue to promote and support local transit including SunRail, LYNX and continue the City's subsidy of the UBER project to and from the SunRail.

#### 5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The City of Longwood decided to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities in response to the aging population of the community and to recognize and further improve upon the current policies, plans and services which are in place which will not only improve the quality of life of older people but also the whole community.

#### 6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community.

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >



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