

Policy

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To provide a process by which vandalism of City property and the removal of graffiti can be adequately and uniformly addressed in order for Council to demonstrate its commitment to creating an attractive environment.

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Legal Authority:	Local Government Act Section 2.7 – The Role of Council

Policy:

The City is to provide a graffiti removal service to all properties where the damage is visible from a thoroughfare or is on a City owned and publicly used area.

The City is to seek the cooperation of government or publicly managed service providers for either an annual contribution or a predetermined cost for service towards graffiti removal or repair of minor vandal damage to their property if the incident results in the damage being able to be viewed from a public place. In these circumstances the authority to deal with incidents of minor damage or graffiti to non- City controlled property is to be delegated to the City from each authority involved.

The City is to maintain a contact number and website information for the public reporting of incidents of graffiti and vandalism.

Before graffiti is removed by the City or its contractors, any instance must first be reported to the police by contacting the State Graffiti Hotline and obtaining an offence report number. The offence report number must be quoted to the City when requesting graffiti be removed.

The City is to ensure that all relevant legislation, policies and procedures relating to graffiti and vandalism removal on private property are applied in instances where a property owner opts not to, or fails to conform with the City's requirements or standards.

City controlled assets

- (1) Graffiti of an offensive nature is to be removed from all City property as soon as practicable of notice being given to the City.
- (2) Graffiti of a non offensive nature is to be removed from all City property within three working days if practicable of notice being given to the City.
- (3) Vandal damage to City property which is considered dangerous is to be made safe as soon as practicable of notice being given to the City.

Non City controlled assets

- (1) The City is to require the property owner to complete an "Authorisation/Waiver Form" to enable the necessary repairs to be undertaken to pre determined standards, without the potential for liability claims.
- (2) Graffiti of an offensive nature is to be removed from all residential and business property as soon as practicable of an authorisation/waiver form being provided to the City.
- (3) Graffiti of a non offensive nature is to be removed from all residential and business property within three working days if practicable of the authorisation/waiver form being provided to the City.