

Council Policy

Graffiti and Vandalism



Legislation/local law requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Act 1995 Section 2.7 – Role of Council • Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016 – Part 3 – Local Government Powers
Relevant Delegation	Please review the City's Delegated Authority Register
Related policy procedures and documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ProMapp – Manage Graffiti Removal • Form - Authorisation and Liability Waiver for removal of Graffiti D09/28456*

Introduction

To address graffiti and vandalism throughout the City.

Purpose

To establish a structured and consistent approach to identifying, reporting, and removing graffiti and vandalism on City and private property, ensuring a timely and effective response.

Objective

To demonstrate the City's commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming community by ensuring efficient graffiti and vandalism removal.

Scope

The City is to provide a graffiti removal service to all properties where the damage is readily visible from public thoroughfares or in a City owned and publicly used area.

Policy Provisions

Definitions

Graffiti: Unauthorised markings, drawings, or inscriptions applied to any surface using paint, ink, scratching, or other means, typically in a public or private space.

Offensive graffiti: Graffiti that contains obscene, racist, homophobic, or defamatory content, or promotes hatred toward individuals or group.

Authorisation/Waiver Form: The Authorisation/Waiver Form is required to be completed by the property owner or their authorised agent before the City can proceed with providing the free graffiti removal service. The form is available on the City's website.

Policy

The City will maintain an up-to-date website with clear instructions for reporting graffiti and vandalism.

Before graffiti is removed from private property by the City or its contractors, any instance must first be reported to the WA Police by either contacting Crime Stoppers on 131 444 or reporting online via their website and obtaining an offence report number. The offence report number must be quoted to the City when requesting graffiti removal.

The City is to ensure that all relevant legislation, policies and procedures relating to graffiti and vandalism removal on private property are applied.

Local Government Property

- (1) Graffiti of an offensive nature is to be removed from all City property within one (1) working day of notice being given to the City, subject to operational constraints.
- (2) Graffiti of a non-offensive nature is to be removed from all City property within three (3) working days of notice being given to the City, subject to operational constraints.
- (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.

Land that is not Local Government Property

- (1) The City requires the property owner to complete an "Authorisation/Waiver Form" to enable the graffiti removal 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 within two (2) working days after an Authorisation/Waiver form has been provided to the City, subject to operational constraints.

- (3) Graffiti of a non-offensive nature is to be removed from all residential and business property within five (5) working days after an Authorisation/Waiver form has been provided to the City, subject to operational constraints.
- (4) 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.

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