

Graffiti Management Policy

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Remove graffiti as quickly as practicable as a strict deterrent;
- Reduce the incidence and visibility of graffiti;
- Improve community perception of safety;
- Encourage the reporting and removal of graffiti on private assets.

Policy Statement

The City of Albany views that it is a crime to deface another person's property without their permission.

Unless the City identifies an asset as exempt from this for community purpose, the City will endeavour to clean, remove or cover all graffiti on buildings, fences and structures that are within or constitute boundaries of all reserves under the care and control of the City, including but not exclusively parks, reserves, public access ways and road reserves.

Scope

This policy provides the framework through which the City will respond to graffiti in the Local Government area.

This policy applies to all areas encompassing the municipality of Albany.

Legislative and Strategic Context

The *Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016* is a consolidated Act enabling police, public transit officers and the local government sector to deal with graffiti offences.

Strategic context (Community Strategic Plan):

- **Theme:** A Sense of Community
- **Strategy:** Promote and develop an authentic sense of community.
- **Community KPI:** Graffiti Control 70%

Graffiti Management Context

The City has adopted a variety of strategies to reduce illegal graffiti. These strategies aim to:

- Prevent the reoccurrence of illegal graffiti through rapid removal,
- Educate the community about illegal graffiti,
- Prevent reoccurrence of illegal graffiti through prosecution of offenders,
- Lessen the negative financial and social impact of illegal graffiti, and
- Reduce the fear of crime in the community.

The City's Graffiti Management Policy will be implemented focusing on the following fundamentals:

- Regular inspections and removal of graffiti on City assets as soon as possible
- Explore "graffiti initiative's" to assist the community removing graffiti off private residences;
- Promoting the "Goodbye Graffiti" website for the community to report graffiti;
- Promote reporting of graffiti to the local police by the community; and
- Provide community notice boards in key area for the display of community information.

To assist the community reducing graffiti occurrences, the City will endeavour to educate the community on the following areas:

- **Target hardening** - Making it difficult for the graffiti vandals to damage property by utilising anti-graffiti paints or climbing plants on walls and fences.
- **Rapid removal** - The sooner graffiti is removed from property the less chance of being targeted again.
- **Reporting** – Immediate report acts of vandalism witnessed or any other relevant information directly to:
 - The Police on [9892 9300](tel:98929300), or
 - The Goodbye Graffiti Hotline on [1800 442 255](tel:1800442255), or
 - Graffiti reporting form located at www.goodbyegraffiti.wa.gov.au

Review Position and Date

This policy must be reviewed every two years by the document owner.

Associated Documents

- Graffiti Removal Kit Acceptance Form
- Delegation Register
- Form 4 – Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016 – Objection Under Section 22 of the Act.
- Form 6 – Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016 - Warrant to Enter Under Section 29 of the Act.

Definitions

- **Graffiti** is defined as defacement by writing, spraying, scratching or other form of defacement to property without the prior consent of the property owner, or with the consent of the property owner but of an offensive, obscene or racist nature. This includes tags, stencils and the fixing of posters without property owner's consent.
- **Defacement** for the purpose of this policy means marking or writing on property, includes posting bills such as promotional posters.

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Attachments:

- Form 4 – Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016 – Objection Under Section 22 of the Act.
- Form 6 – Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016 - Warrant to Enter Under Section 29 of the Act.

OBJECTION UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE ACT

To the ⁽¹⁾

I, ⁽²⁾

of ⁽³⁾

hereby object to the ⁽⁴⁾

to ⁽⁵⁾

The grounds of my objection are as follows:

⁽⁶⁾

In support of my objection I attach the following:

⁽⁷⁾

Dated the day of 20.....

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Person objecting

- (1) name of local government
- (2) full name of person objecting
- (3) postal address of person objecting
- (4) identify decision to which objection is made
- (5) give details of decision
- (6) give details of grounds of objection
- (7) plans, specifications, letters, notices, or other documents (if appropriate)
- (8) signature of person objecting

WARRANT TO ENTER UNDER SECTION 29 OF THE ACT

I, ⁽¹⁾

of ⁽²⁾

in the State of Western Australia, Justice of the Peace, being satisfied that the entry is reasonably required but —

- ⁽³⁾ (a) entry has been refused or is opposed or prevented;
- ⁽³⁾ (b) entry cannot be obtained; or
- ⁽³⁾ (c) notice cannot be given under section ⁽³⁾ 3.32 / 8.6(3)(b) of the Act without unreasonable difficulty or without unreasonably delaying entry,

hereby authorise ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽³⁾ by its employees,

together with ⁽⁵⁾

or any police officer to enter ⁽⁶⁾

for the purpose of ⁽⁷⁾

using such force as is necessary.

Signed
Justice of the Peace

Dated

- (1) name of Justice of the Peace
- (2) address of Justice of the Peace
- (3) delete if not applicable
- (4) name of local government or authorised person to whom warrant is issued
- (5) name or description of any person authorised to assist in executing the warrant
- (6) address or description of land, premises, or thing to be entered
- (7) purpose for which entry may be made