POLICY
GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT

ASPIRATION	**Environment**
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE	**Technical Services**
RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS UNIT	**Service Delivery**
RELEVANT LEGISLATION	***Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016*** ***Local Government Act 1995***

1. Objective

This policy outlines the City's commitments and expectations regarding the management and reduction of graffiti damage. The objectives of the City's graffiti management policy and activities are to:

- Outline the scope of the City's graffiti removal service;
- Reduce the incidence and visibility of graffiti vandalism within the City;
- Deter acts of graffiti vandalism and damage on City of Armadale infrastructure, assets and property; and
- Encourage a whole-of-community approach to reporting, removal and prevention of graffiti vandalism.

2. Policy

The policy will be achieved through the implementation of the following practices:

a) Reporting

I. The City will report all instances of graffiti vandalism (as defined by the *Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016*) of City assets and infrastructure to WA Police Force and/or Crimestoppers.

II. The City will actively encourage and promote the reporting of graffiti vandalism through appropriate channels.

b) Removal

I. Offensive Graffiti Vandalism

Wherever possible, any graffiti vandalism of an offensive or racist nature will be removed from City owned assets and infrastructure within twenty-four (24) business hours of being reported.

II. City Assets

Wherever possible, the City will attempt to remove graffiti vandalism from City owned assets and infrastructure within forty-eight (48) business hours of being reported.

III. Private Property

In the event of graffiti on private property, which is viewable from a public place, the City may provide written notice to the owner, requesting the graffiti be removed within the timeframes defined in section 2b of this policy.

The City may remove graffiti on private property which is viewable from a public place by providing a minimum of 24 hours' notice in accordance with Section 25 and Division 4 – Powers of entry, of the *Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016*. Removal and cost recovery will be at the City's discretion.

IV. Laneways and Rights of Way

The City may consider requests for the removal of graffiti from laneways and rights of way on a case by case basis, where all the criteria specified within this policy are met, and where the graffiti is;

- In the entrance to a laneway and clearly visible from the adjoining street;
- In a laneway that is commercially activated; or
- Where the frontage of a property is located within the laneway and graffiti vandalism negatively impacts visual amenity.

V. Other public assets

Graffiti vandalism on other public infrastructure will be reported to the relevant agency for removal.

3. Prevention

The use of anti-graffiti coatings may be considered as part of all new and upgraded assets, artwork commissions and infrastructure.

Designing Out Crime and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles are encouraged to be considered through the City's design, planning and approval processes.

Where appropriate, alternative strategies for graffiti management in hotspot areas or locations with extensive, historical graffiti vandalism may be given separate budgetary consideration.

4. Partnership

The City will ensure that any relevant marketing, media and communications strategies are aligned with the WA Police Force Media Information for Responsible Reporting of Graffiti Vandalism.

The City will support the use of volunteers in the management of graffiti, when operationally viable, in accordance with the City Volunteer Involvement Policy.

The City will consider community partnerships for the installation of Urban Art to deter graffiti as Community-led Art in accordance with the Public Art Policy.

5. Influencing Strategies or Plans

This policy assists in achieving the Strategic Community Plan 2026-2035 outcomes, specifically "Attractive, inclusive and functional public places".

6. Applicable Legislation

- *Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016*
- *Local Government Act 1995* (WA)
- Other

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