

POLICY NO: 2.1.3

GRAFFITI - CONTROL AND REMOVAL

OBJECTIVES

To:

1. determine the procedure to be followed with regard to the removal of graffiti on the City's, Government and private property;
2. reduce the incidence and visibility of graffiti within the City;
3. engage community support and participation in graffiti removal and prevention; and
4. ensure that the principles of reducing opportunities for graffiti are incorporated into all of the City's building design/approval and also all other structures abutting or within the City's parks and reserves.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Graffiti removal to be in accordance with the following:
 - (i) requests for the removal of all graffiti shall be coordinated through the Technical Services Division.
 - (ii) wherever possible, carryout the removal of graffiti on City owned and private property within forty eight (48) hours of being reported.
 - (iii) graffiti reported on any Government agency infrastructure will be forwarded to the relevant agency for removal with an expectation that the it is removed within seventy two (72) hours.
 - (iv) in the case where graffiti is of an offensive, obscene or racist nature it shall be removed as soon as possible and where practicable, within four (4) hours of notification.
2. The use of anti-graffiti coatings be mandatory for all buildings/structures on City owned property and/or on private developments abutting any public open space, ie on fences and walls.
3. The City will promote design strategies that reduce opportunities for graffiti on public and private property, i.e. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED).

4. Where appropriate, alternative strategies for graffiti control on City owned property located in susceptible areas be given separate budgetary consideration, (i.e. urban/graffiti art, increased lighting.)
5. Any graffiti which in the opinion of the Graffiti Officer is of an offensive or racist nature, is of substantial quantity and/or destructive will be photographed and reported to the WA Police to assist them to compile data bases to determine preferred locations for offenders and the extent of a particular tag.
6. The City will encourage private property owners to promptly rectify the affects of graffiti and encourage the use of the 'Goodbye Graffiti' website.
7. The City will stipulate removal of graffiti within twenty-four (24) hours in ALL contracts where bus shelters or seating are contracted out to advertising companies.

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