Policy P210 Street Verges

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**Policy Objectives**
The City is committed to the retention and development of green and leafy streetscapes which include street verges. To achieve this, the City will promote the development and maintenance of treatments such as verge gardens and/or lawn, however other treatments may also be approved in certain circumstances (refer to Street Verge Landscape Guidelines).

**Policy Scope**
This Policy is relevant to Land Owners in the City of South Perth, where street verges are located adjacent to their properties.

For the purpose of this policy a Street Verge is defined as:
“the area of land located between a road kerb and the boundary of an adjacent property.”

**Policy Statement**
The City’s preference is for verge treatments to be predominantly planted verge gardens and/or lawn, however other treatments such as brick paving and synthetic turf may be approved in certain circumstances (refer to Street Verge landscape Guidelines).

Land Owners may establish and maintain a planned verge gardens and/or lawn on the street verge without prior permission from the City.

Prior permission from the City is required for the installation of verge treatments such as brick paving and synthetic turf.

Neither the City nor other public utility service providers accept responsibility for reinstatement of verge gardens, lawn, paving or synthetic turf affected by routine maintenance of services or projects.

The City has established ‘Street Verge Landscape Guidelines’ which provide detailed information about what is permitted on the street verge and the processes to follow to seek approval for the various treatments.

**Non-Compliant Requirements**
If the verge area is damaged during the course of private works on the Land Owners property, the Land Owner is required to return the verge to the same condition that existed prior to the works commencing. If the City has found that infrastructure has been damaged pertaining to the private works, the City will give 21 days’ notice to the Land Owner for the rectification works to be completed. If the rectification works have not been completed or the standard of work is not to the City’s satisfaction, the City
will complete the work and the Land Owner will be charged for all costs pertaining to the work. If there are insufficient funds from the Road Reserve Access bond, the City will invoice the Land Owner the remaining balance of the costs.
Legislation/ Local Law Requirements

Local Government Act 1995
Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2011

Other Relevant Policies/ Key Documents

City of South Perth Strategic Plan 2015-2025
P206: Urban Forest
P350.5 Trees on Development Sites and Street Verges
P503: Crossovers
Urban Forest Management Plan
Green Plan
Street Verge Landscape Guidelines
Road Reserve Access Bond