

Policy P210 Street Verges

Responsible Business Unit/s	Programs Delivery
Responsible Officer	Manager Programs Delivery
Affected Business Unit/s	Infrastructure Services, Development Services

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 sustainable verge gardens and/or lawn, however other treatments may also be approved in certain limited 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 the road reservation 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 sustainable 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 verge garden 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 will accept responsibility for reinstatement of verge gardens, lawn, paving or synthetic turf affected by the implementation of routine maintenance of services or in relation to construction projects.

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

Infrastructure Reinstatement 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. The City may require a land owner or contractor undertaking works on behalf of a land owner on a private lot or within the street verge to establish an Infrastructure Protection Bond prior to commencing any works. 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 within the Infrastructure Protection Bond, the City will recover the balance of the costs from the land owner.

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 Community Plan 2017-2027

Policy P206 Urban Forest

Policy P350.5 Trees on Development Sites and Street Verges

Policy P503 Crossovers

Urban Forest Management Plan

Green Plan

Street Verge Landscape Guidelines

Road Reserve Access Bond