

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 the Street Verge Landscape Guidelines).

Policy Scope

This Policy is relevant to landowners 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 may be approved in certain circumstances (refer to the Street Verge landscape Guidelines).

The use of the verge for constructed or residential and visitor car parking bays associated with development applications within the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan area is not supported.

Landowners 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. Synthetic turf will not be permitted.

Neither the City nor other public utility service providers will accept responsibility for reinstatement of verge gardens, lawn, paving 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.

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 2021-2031

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