



POLICY

TITLE:	VERGE MOWING AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY LAND	CODE:	ET524
PURPOSE or OBJECTIVE:	To define the City's responsibility for the mowing of road verges and maintenance of undeveloped land owned by or vested in the City.		
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:	Local Government Act 1995		

POLICY STATEMENT

The City will periodically mow the verges of public roads in accordance with this policy to prevent excessive grass growth and to maintain a safe and tidy street environment.
The City will also maintain undeveloped land owned by or vested in the City to reduce its risk as a fire hazard and minimise the accumulation of rubbish.

1. Scope

This policy applies to road verges and to undeveloped land owned by or vested in the City.

2. Definitions

<i>verge</i>	Those portions of land, excluding the carriageway, adjacent to property boundaries within a public road.
<i>undeveloped land</i>	Land from which the native vegetation has been cleared but on which no further substantial development has taken place.

3. Verges on arterial and significant roads

Verges on arterial roads and significant roads, as determined by the Director Infrastructure and Environment, will be mowed by the City from time to time.

4. Verges on other roads

Verge mowing on roads other than those defined in clause 3 will be conducted by the City from time to time. Roads, or sections of roads, where mowing is undertaken will be at the discretion of the Director Infrastructure and Environment and generally restricted to verges that are not reticulated and where:

- (1) verges are not maintained adjacent to undeveloped lots; or
- (2) verges are not maintained at the side boundary of a street corner; or
- (3) verges are not maintained by the adjacent property owner; or
- (4) weeds and long grass create a sight hazard for road users at an intersection; or
- (5) weeds and long grass are a fire hazard.

5. Undeveloped land owned by or vested in the City

Undeveloped land owned by or vested in the City will be maintained to reduce its risk as a fire hazard and to minimise the accumulation of rubbish.

GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	Local Government Act 1995 Sections 3.53 and 3.54
Process Links	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arterial Verges – City Wide Rounds List (D14/316805) 2. Unkempt Verge Mowing List – Southside (D14/316792) 3. Unkempt Verge Mowing List – Northside (D14/316790)

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Directorate		Officer Title	Authority to Approve
Infrastructure and Environment		Manager Parks and Streetscape Services	Council
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2	OCM 21.10.2014 (IE-063-14)	Adopted	