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BACKGROUND:

Street verges have traditionally been described as that area of land situated between Council's road kerb and the adjoining private property.

PURPOSE:

To ensure that unkempt street verges within the City of Cockburn are maintained to a minimum standard.

POSITION:

The City of Cockburn recognises that the appearance of street verges abutting boundaries of developed land is important to owners, because of the significant aesthetic impact on their properties.

Residents/tenants/owners are encouraged to undertake maintenance of these verges at their cost and to a level commensurate with their personal requirements, thereby allowing the costs to be shared according to the standard that individuals have set for themselves.

At specific locations where street verges are not being maintained by residents/tenants/owners and have become unkempt, the Council may maintain these verges, according to the following requirements.

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(1) Definition of Unkempt Verge

1. For the purposes of this policy, unkempt street verges are defined as any verge that:
 - (a) Has not had irrigation installed between the road kerb and the adjoining property boundary.
 - (b) Has not been improved by way of landscaping (excluding the street tree), garden beds, paving, gravel, mulch or other similar materials.
 - (c) Is covered with grass that has attained a height to an average uniformity coefficient greater than two hundred millimetres in every direction across the area, at the time a service is due.

(2) Residential Zoning

1. Unkempt verges adjacent to land zoned 'Residential' and unkempt land within road reserves located in areas zoned residential may be mown:
 - (a) At a maximum of four times per annum;
 - (b) Only upon receipt of a request or complaint from the public; and
 - (c) Only upon receipt of a separate additional request or complaint for each and every occasion a cut is desired.
2. The standard of service shall be in accordance with the City of Cockburn's Technical Specification for the Mowing of Unkempt Verges Adjacent to Land Zoned Residential.

(3) Development, Commercial, Industrial and Rural Zoning

1. Unkempt verges adjacent to land zoned 'Development, Commercial, Industrial and Rural', shall be mown at a maximum of twice per annum, once during spring or summer and once during autumn or winter, depending on seasonal requirements.
2. The standard of service shall be in accordance with the City of Cockburn's Technical Specification for the Mowing of Unkempt Verges Adjacent to Land Zoned Development, Commercial, Industrial and Rural.

(4) Arterial Roads

1. Unkempt verges of selected arterial roads shall be mown a minimum of two and a maximum of six services per year, depending on the priority in which they have been categorised.
2. The standard of service shall be in accordance with the City of Cockburn's Technical Specification for the Mowing of Arterial Road

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Reserves Priority One and City of Cockburn's Technical Specification for the Mowing of Arterial Road Reserves Priority Two.

(5) Land under the Care and Control of Other Authorities

1. Unkempt verges adjacent to land under the care and control of other authorities shall be assessed on an individual basis. The frequency and standard of mowing shall be determined on a site by site basis.