

POLICY			
TITLE:	REWARD FOR INFORMATION RESULTING IN SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION	CODE:	CS.05
PURPOSE or OBJECTIVE:	To set guidelines for the rewarding of a person who provides information as to the identity of an offender who has committed prescribed offences, where the information leads to a successful prosecution of the offender.		
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:	City of Canning Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law 2021 Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016 Litter Act 1979 Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978 Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024 (WA) Criminal Procedure Act 2004 (WA) City of Canning Compliance and Enforcement Policy (RS.04)		
POLICY STATEMENT			
In accordance with this Policy, Council shall pay a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification and successful prosecution of a person or persons who has committed a prescribed offence.			

1. Scope

- 1.1 This Policy applies to all applications for reward for information leading to the identification and successful prosecution of a person or persons committing prescribed offences in the City of Canning.
- 1.2 Rewards will not be paid to Elected Members or City employees. Further limitations are detailed at Section 5 of this Policy.

2. Definitions

<i>Applicant</i>	The person/s who witnessed the offence and/or provides information that leads to the identification and successful prosecution of a person and seeks a reward for the information supplied.
<i>City property</i>	Property owned, managed by, or vested to the City of Canning.
<i>Prescribed offence</i>	Includes offences committed within the district of the City of Canning under the <i>City of Canning Local Government Property and Public Places Amendment Local Law 2025</i> , <i>Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016</i> , <i>Litter Act 1979</i> and <i>Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978</i> .
<i>Graffiti</i>	As defined by the <i>Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016</i>

<i>City tree</i>	As defined by the <i>City of Canning Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law 2021</i> .
<i>Vandalism</i>	The wilful or malicious destruction, injury, disfigurement, or defacement of any City property or tree.
<i>Statute of Limitations</i>	Unless another written law provides otherwise, the <i>Criminal Procedure Act 2004 (WA)</i> prescribes the maximum period within which legal proceedings must be commenced after an offence is alleged to have occurred.

3. Policy Details

- 3.1 The City of Canning actively seeks to reduce and prevent vandalism and antisocial or illegal behaviour in the community. The identification and prosecution of offenders may reduce the likelihood of future occurrences.
- 3.2 The City may offer a reward to an applicant who provides information leading to the identification and successful prosecution of a person for prescribed offences, including:
 - i) vandalism/graffiti on, or wilful damage of City property or City trees.
 - ii) illegal dumping.
 - iii) illegal off road vehicle activity.
- 3.3 The amount of the reward should:
 - i) take into consideration the level of damage/monetary value of the damage that has been caused to City property/trees.
 - ii) not exceed the maximum penalty associated with the corresponding offence as prescribed by the relevant legislation.
- 3.4 The City of Canning does not expect or encourage community members to confront, pursue or put themselves at risk to obtain evidence.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 In order for a person to be eligible for consideration of a reward for information concerning certain offences:
 - i) The applicant must;
 - a) have submitted the prescribed Application Form,
 - b) be willing to provide a witness statement and give sworn evidence in Court if and when required.
 - ii) Whilst the City will take all reasonable action to protect the information of the applicant, the applicant should be aware their identity may not remain confidential if required to appear in court.
 - iii) The alleged offender must be found guilty of the alleged offence by a Court of competent jurisdiction from prosecution by the City of Canning or WA Police.

5. Limitations

- 5.1 The application of this Policy is limited by a number of factors, those being:
- i) Informants under the age of 18 can submit a reward application with their parent's or guardian's consent.
 - ii) The amount of a reward will be capped at a maximum of \$5,000 per event.
 - iii) The relevant Statute of Limitations for the offence.
- 5.2 Rewards will not be paid to:
- i) City employees, Elected Members, or members of the Western Australia Police Force.
 - ii) The immediate families of those listed in 5.2 i).
 - iii) An applicant who is associated with the offence, or is the offender.

6. Authorisation

The CEO is authorised to assess and determine applications for the Reward, ensuring that the eligibility criteria and requirements of this Policy are met.

GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	Nil
Process Links	

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Program responsible		Officer Title	
Planning & Development		Manager Community Safety	
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