



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: April 6, 2026		Subject: Resolution No. 3260 A Resolution of the City of Wilsonville Establishing Graffiti Abatement Programs Staff Member: Amanda Guile-Hinman, City Attorney Department: Legal	
Action Required		Advisory Board/Commission Recommendation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 1 st Reading Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 2 nd Reading Date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Information or Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Council Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda		<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input type="checkbox"/> None Forwarded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Comments: N/A	
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. 3260.			
Recommended Language for Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. 3260.			
Project / Issue Relates To:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goals/Priorities: 2025-27 Council Goal No. 2: Public Safety; Strategy 2.4	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted Master Plan(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Whether to adopt the proposed Graffiti Abatement Programs, including a graffiti tip rewards program, subsidies for private property owners, and graffiti removal kits.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: As part of its 2025-27 Council Goals, the City Council adopted Goal 2: Public Safety. The first outcome identified in Goal 2 is to “streamline response to code enforcement challenges.” To achieve this outcome, Strategy 2.4 calls for the City to “investigate developing a graffiti enforcement/reward program.” After identifying a variety of possible programs, Council expressed interest in implementing three programs. Exhibits 1-3 attached to Resolution No. 3260 introduce: (1) a pilot program for a graffiti tips rewards system; (2) subsidies for private property owners to remove graffiti; and (3) a graffiti removal kit available for loan.

Council conducted work sessions on [September 15, 2025](#), [January 22, 2026](#), and [March 2, 2026](#) to discuss possible graffiti abatement programs.

Graffiti Tip Reward System:

The Graffiti Tip Reward Program (Exhibit 1 to the Resolution) was created to encourage citizens to take an active role in mitigating graffiti vandalism in Wilsonville. The program will allow the City to offer a cash reward for individuals who provide information leading to apprehension and abatement of vandalism within the community.

Process: (1) Citizen reports to Wilsonville police an act of graffiti vandalization. Reports must be of a graffiti act in progress, about to occur, or having occurred recently, and within city limits and visible from the public street. The information provided must be sufficient to assist with an arrest. (2) If suspected violator is arrested and charged, the witness may submit a claim to the city for reward within 90 days. To be eligible for the reward, disclosure of the applicant’s name and cooperation with law enforcement are required.

At the March 2, 2026 Council work session, Council directed staff to review the value of the reward for graffiti damage that is less than \$250 and further directed staff to include language that the graffiti must be visible from the public right-of-way to be eligible for a reward. These additions have been included in the proposed graffiti rewards program.

Graffiti Removal Subsidization Program:

This program (Exhibit 2 to the Resolution) is modeled most similarly after the City’s existing sidewalk repair reimbursement program. Currently, that program is managed by Code Compliance. Similarly, staff proposes Code Compliance manage the Graffiti Subsidization Program.

Reimbursable funds may only be used for property repair or for repair products to remove graffiti from private property. To access reimbursement funds for jobs that require a permit, property owners must obtain competitive bids. The maximum reimbursement will be 50% of the lowest bid or 50% of the actual invoiced amount, whichever is less, regardless of who the property-owner chooses for the work, subject to a cap of \$500 per application.

Process: (1) Property owner submits application form with receipt/invoice attached. (2) City confirms reimbursement eligibility and approves application. Property owners may apply for reimbursement for one property in a calendar year. Priority will be given to first-time applicants and residential applications. (3) Abatement is completed. Work must be completed within 30 days of receipt approval unless an extension is granted. (4) After the work has been completed, the property owner pays the contractor and submits a Reimbursement request with the final itemized invoice.

Graffiti Removal Loaner Kit Program:

The Graffiti Removal Loaner Kit Program (Exhibit 3 to the Resolution) was developed to provide resources for citizens and volunteer groups to address graffiti vandalism on private property. The kit materials and pickup procedures are modeled after a similar program run by the City of Portland.

Kits are available for Wilsonville residents and organizations free of charge. Graffiti removal kits include: Graffiti cleaning spray, towel, plastic scraper (to remove stickers), safety gloves, safety glasses, and a small bucket.

EXPECTED RESULTS: The implementation of all three programs combined will provide more efficient avenues for the removal of graffiti vandalism. The tip reward program will target identifying and disincentivizing responsible parties who vandalize public and private property, along with providing a reward incentive encouraging citizens to come forward and assist the City and law enforcement in abatement.

Both the private property subsidy program and the graffiti removal loaner kits will increase abatement opportunities for private property owners. These programs seek to achieve abatement outcomes consistent with public property abatement and align with existing programs offered by the City.

TIMELINE:

Staff anticipates that implementation of each program can commence in short order after Council approval. Staff will update the City's webpage regarding graffiti and will purchase graffiti removal kits for loan.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACTS:

Staff anticipates upfront costs to be absorbed by general budget to provide graffiti removal loaner supplies, along with administrative costs associated with administering each program and providing the reward fund for the graffiti tips program.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS:

Staff has presented at multiple Council work sessions regarding graffiti abatement to present information and draft proposals for Council and public review.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OR BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:

The proposed graffiti programs help to close some gaps in the City's response to graffiti by encouraging community members to report acts of graffiti and by providing resources to property owners to remove graffiti on their property. These programs can improve the livability of the Wilsonville community.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may decide not to adopt the graffiti abatement programs. The City Code requires property owners to timely remove graffiti.

CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution No. 3260
 - 1. Exhibit 1 – Graffiti Vandalization Tip Reward Program
 - 2. Exhibit 2 – Graffiti Removal Subsidization Program
 - 3. Exhibit 3 – Graffiti Removal Loaner Kit Program