



## **GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROGRAM INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM**

The City of Oxnard provides Graffiti Abatement services to the community as an interim solution to the blight created by graffiti vandalism in our community.

The legal responsibility to remove graffiti from private property is that of the property owner/manager and not the City. With written permission, the City's Graffiti Action Program (GAP) will remove or paint out the graffiti on private property to the best of their ability with the equipment they have available. There are many factors that affect the ability for GAP to correctly match a paint color. A few examples of these factors are sun exposure, age and customer colors. GAP will do its best to match the color as closely as possible. However, the responsibility to match the exact color of paint is that of the property manager or the owner.

By City Ordinance, graffiti is to be removed from private property within 3 days. If the graffiti is etched in glass, the required removal time is 5 days. Failure to comply with these City Ordinances could result in a \$1,000 per day fine for every day the graffiti remains on your property.

There have been many studies which show a link between community property issues such as graffiti, litter, illegal dumping and crime. But the City cannot address these issues on its own. Our residents need to assist us by taking responsibility for the maintenance of their own property. Here are some things you can do around your property to assist the City in its efforts to preserve clean, safe and prosperous neighborhoods. Your assistance and cooperation is appreciated.

- Remove graffiti from your property with the correct color of paint as soon as it appears. If your property is painted a special color, keep extra paint available in that color. This will assist in matching the existing paint with the correct color. If you rent the property or live in an apartment, immediately call the property management company. Call the Graffiti Hotline to report graffiti in these areas or to get assistance removing graffiti from your property. The number for the Graffiti Hotline is 385-8010.
- Remove the weeds from around your property. This is especially important if you live in a home that backs up to an alleyway. Weeds from your yard have a tendency to sprout up under the fence and grow in the alleyway.
- Do not throw or abandon items of any kind in the alleyways, streets or parkways. Be sure all trash is placed in a trash can with the lid closed. Any larger items can be picked up by the City Environmental Resources Division. For questions regarding trash pick or illegal dumping, call 385-8060.



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**GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROGRAM CONSENT TO ENTER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS**

1. I, the undersigned, as owner/manager of the property located at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City of Oxnard, do hereby give my consent for representatives, employees and/or agents of the City of Oxnard (collectively referred to as "City"), to enter upon the above described for the purpose of removing graffiti on this property by painting or using solvents, as deemed necessary or desirable by the City. In return for this valuable consideration, I irrevocably assign to the City of Oxnard all my right, title and interest in any restitution obtained as a result of the successful prosecution or juvenile disposition of any and all parties who vandalized this property.
2. I also agree to the following limitations on the graffiti removal:
  - A. The removal/painting over of graffiti shall be performed as determined by the City, and may be in the form of stripes, blocks, patches or entire areas where the graffiti appears.
  - B. The City does not guarantee that the color(s) on the property will match after the graffiti is painted over or removed. The color(s) may vary significantly from the original color of the property from which the graffiti is removed.
  - C. In general, the City provides a limited number of colors from which the graffiti program coordinator, or designee, may choose in order to abate the graffiti. The City does have the ability to match paint colors on a limited basis. Every attempt will be made to match the original color as closely as possible **with the ultimate responsibility for matching the color being that of the property owner.**
  - D. Some residue of the graffiti or overspray may remain after the City's removal efforts are completed.
  - E. **NATURAL WOOD FENCES.** If it is the desire of the property owner for the fence to remain in its natural state, it is the **sole** responsibility of the property owner. The property will be subject to the City ordinances regarding graffiti removal on a timely basis. Natural wood or oiled fences will not be painted over without the express written consent of the property owner. If written permission is granted, only the entire area or side containing the graffiti will be painted over. The City will not paint the entire fence surrounding the property.
3. I also agree that the City may utilize the services of volunteers or minors to remove the graffiti, and that these individuals will be deemed agents of the City for purpose of this removal. In any cases where a person, under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, removes graffiti, my understanding is that the City shall provide adult supervision.
4. Further, I hereby agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City, the City Council, each member thereof, and every officer and employee of the City from any and all liability, damages (whether in contract or tort, including personal injury, death at any time or property damage), cost and financial loss, including all cost and expenses of litigation or arbitration, that result or are claimed to have resulted directly from my wrongful or negligent acts or omissions or those of my agents. Employees or subcontractors while the City is removing graffiti from my property, except in cases of negligence or willful misconduct on the part of City, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors.
5. I agree that the City is not obligated in any way, to do any work, or to use equipment or other resources for graffiti removal to any greater extent, than determined necessary by the City.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner/Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**Check here if you are authorizing the painting of a natural wood fence.**

**NOTE:** After signing this consent form, please contact the Graffiti Action Program at **385-8010** or fax to **385-7962** so that we may schedule a time for removal of the graffiti.