



BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Policy

TITLE	STREET PLANTINGS POLICY
POLICY NUMBER	40
COUNCIL FUNCTION	PARKS AND GARDENS
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	INFRASTRUCTURE
LEGISLATION	Banana Shire Council Local Law 4 and Subordinate Local Law 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads (2011))
ADOPTED	10/9/91 Minute No. 8753
REVIEWED/AMENDED	07/05/2002 Amended - Minute No. 23539 03/11/2004 Policy Review (Amended) - Minute No. 29624 Amended 28/08/13 – Minute OM002455 28/02/18 Ordinary Meeting – Minute OM003982
NEXT REVIEW DUE	August 2022

SCOPE

Urban areas within Banana Shire.

OBJECTIVE

To enhance the aesthetics of the street environment, whilst protecting in-ground and above-ground infrastructure; and enhancing pedestrian and vehicle safety.

DEFINITIONS

Beautification works - includes the construction of gardens, garden beds and garden edging, the installation of garden ornaments and the planting of trees, shrubs, vines, ground covers and flowering plants.

Verge – area between the road and the property boundary.

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POLICY

A person or organisation undertaking beautification works on the verge in front of a property shall comply with the following requirements:-

1. Beautification works shall comply with Standard Drawing No. CMDG-G-016 and IPWEAQ Drawing G-0100.

2. Vegetation planted in the verge should comply with the list of approved vegetation issued by Council. A copy of this list is available from Council's office.
3. No thorny or spiky plants, sharp projections, poisonous plants, hard landscaping (rocks, etc) or objects likely to trip pedestrians are permitted on the verge at any time.
4. Vegetation planted under power lines should have a maximum mature-age height of four (4) metres.
5. Beautification works are not to be permitted within 0.5m horizontal clearance of an underground service. The applicant should check for underground service locations by contacting the following authorities before work commences:
 - Council's Water & Sewerage Services section for water supply and sewerage
 - Communication and power authorities
 - Dial Before You Dig
6. Council reserves the right to remove all or any part of beautification works on the footpath without paying compensation for works or services. Disruption is to be limited to the minimum necessary for the performance of the work.
7. Applicants are required to complete an approved indemnity form indemnifying Council for all works that they propose in the footpath.
8. These requirements are to also apply to new owners of a property whenever it is sold and to be included in any contract of sale.
9. If the Director Infrastructure Services considers that beautification works do not comply with the above requirements, Council is to request the relevant property owner to rectify the situation within an appropriate time.

Should the property owner fail to take action as requested by Council in the given time, Council can arrange to have all or part of the beautification works removed and charge the property owner accordingly.

PROCEDURE

As approved and issued by the Chief Executive Officer and subject to future revision, amendment and issue under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer.

CERTIFICATION



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

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