

A program application must also be completed and a removal fee of \$100 must be received by the Development Services Department before a property can be scheduled for graffiti removal. A new application and fee will be required for each additional incident that may occur on a property. This fee will be waived and the removal service will be offered at no cost for properties located within the Municipal Services District (MSD) in downtown Fayetteville.



In most cases graffiti can be removed or covered up by property owners with little cost and the City will be happy to provide tips on how the property owner can remove the graffiti quickly, effectively, and safely on their own. A property owner can also be proactive and reduce the effort involved with graffiti removal by coating a building with an anti-graffiti coating product to prevent graffiti paint from sticking to surfaces. The City will also provide tips on how a property owner can deter graffiti.

For downtown historic properties and other historic structures, contact the City Historic Property Manager Bruce Daws at **(910) 433-1457** to discuss the best option to remove graffiti quickly, effectively and safely to prevent damage to the structure's surface.

For more information or to talk with a City staff person about applying for graffiti removal services or graffiti removal tips, please call Development Services at **(910) 433-1056**.

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Eradicating Blight In Our Community

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## Mission Statement

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## Graffiti Defined

Graffiti is blight on our beautiful city. Graffiti is defined in the City code of ordinances as writings, drawings, inscriptions, figures, or marks of paint, ink, chalk, dye or other similar substances on public or private buildings, structures or places which are not authorized or permitted by the property owner or possessor.



## Goals and Objective

The City of Fayetteville offers a Graffiti Removal Program to residents and businesses citywide to address the unlawful and constant problem of graffiti in our community. The property owner may contract with the City to remove the graffiti if they have been victimized. Graffiti generates a negative image for the community and public support is needed to make this program a successful effort. The City is trying to keep Fayetteville clean and beautiful, consistent with City Council's goal of a **"More Attractive City – Clean and Beautiful."**



This program is designed to educate and encourage the residents of the city to promptly report graffiti violations. If a person witnesses the graffiti "tagger" in action, the person is asked to call 911, but if the graffiti is already present, contact the Development Services Code Enforcement Complaint line at (910) 433-1056. This will assist the City Police and Development Services departments with creating a graffiti database in order to identify violation trends and locations where graffiti is common.



## Graffiti Removal

The owner of a property that has been tagged by graffiti is asked to immediately remove the graffiti to deter future vandalism. When the City becomes aware of the existence of graffiti on any property, the City is authorized to remove the graffiti after giving written notice and opportunity to the property owner to remove the graffiti. If the property owner fails to remove or effectively obscure the graffiti within 10 days from receipt of the notice, the City will take action to remove or effectively obscure the graffiti at the cost of the property owner for all expenses incurred by the City for the removal. If the property owner has not received a notice or citation from the City, they are encouraged to immediately remove the graffiti before they do. The property owner will only be responsible for paying the cost of removing the graffiti.

The property owner may contract with the City of Fayetteville to remove the graffiti. The property owner must sign a waiver of liability form, stating the City of Fayetteville will not be held liable for any losses, claims or damages that result from the graffiti removal process.