

## 01 RATIONALE

This procedure has been developed to assist property owners and community members who wish to develop the verge at the front of their residence. This procedure ensures that the City of Marion complies with the requirements of Section 221 under the Local Government Act 1999.

## 02 PROCEDURE SCOPE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This procedure applies from 1 January 2019. The implementation of this procedure is supported by the technical information provided in the Verge Development Guidelines and the Streetscape Guidelines.

## 03 DEFINITIONS

<b>AUTHORISATION</b>	An authorisation granted by Council to undertake a development on a verge under Section 221 of the Local Government Act 19.
<b>COMMUNITY GARDEN</b>	A community garden is a dedicated area of public land used for horticultural activities including growing edible plants and other plants for the benefit of the wider community. Community gardens located on Council land and are managed by an incorporated community group or organisation.
<b>DRIVEWAY CROSSOVER</b>	The section of the driveway located between the driveway invert/kerb and the front property boundary.
<b>FOOTPATH</b>	The made area of pathway in the verge that enables the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians.
<b>VERGE</b>	A verge is the area between the kerb or the made road and the property boundary.
<b>VERGE DEVELOPMENT</b>	Where a resident seeks to place a structure as defined in section 221 of the Local Government Act into a verge for the purposes of increased visual amenity or function.
<b>VERGE GARDEN</b>	A garden located on the verge that is managed by one or more adjacent households. Verge gardens may include edible or non-edible plants.

## 04 STEPS

**START** › You would like to develop your verge to improve its appearance.

Read the Verge Development Guidelines.

Are you willing to maintain the verge once developed?

**N**

**Do not undertake verge development.**

**Y**

Does the verge development involve edible plants or fruit trees?

**Y**

Have you tested the soil for contamination?

**N**

Undertake a soil test through the VegeSafe Program at Macquarie University [research.science.mq.edu.au/vegesafe](http://research.science.mq.edu.au/vegesafe) or a NATA accredited organisation and follow recommendations.

**N**

Complete the Verge Development Application Form and submit to council.

**Y**

Complete the Verge Development Application Form and submit to council along with a copy of your soil test.

Council will issue an authorisation if approved.

## 05 REVIEW AND EVALUATION

This procedure will be administered by Open Space Operations and is due for review in January 2020.