

To Whom It May Concern:

Graffiti on any building, structure or surface is a violation of the City of St. Louis Building Code.

In order to reduce blight and deterioration in St. Louis and to protect the public health and safety, Operation Brightside, doing business as Brightside St. Louis, is authorized to remove graffiti in accordance with St. Louis City Ordinance #66934.

Brightside will provide this graffiti removal service at **NO CHARGE** to the property owner, thanks to a federal grant awarded through St. Louis' Community Development Administration.

Graffiti is a form of vandalism that detracts from the overall appearance of our community and drives down property values. Brightside is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to make St. Louis a cleaner, more beautiful city in which to live and work, which is why we offer this graffiti eradication service.

In an effort to expedite the eradication process, *Brightside requests the property owner's consent* to enable our crews to quickly eliminate this graffiti violation.

Please note, while Brightside requests the property owner's consent, in accordance with the ordinance, consent is not required. After eight (8) days from the date on the Graffiti Consent Form, Operation Brightside is authorized through Ordinance #66934 to eradicate the graffiti without written consent of the owner.

To expedite this process, please sign this GRAFFITI CONSENT FORM and send ASAP to Brightside St. Louis, 4646 Shenandoah Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110 or fax to 314-772-7444 or email brightsidestlouis@gmail.com.

The graffiti will be removed by Brightside between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, weather permitting. It is not necessary for the property owner or a representative to be present during the removal process.

It is at Brightside's sole discretion whether it is safe for our crew to eradicate graffiti. If the property is deemed unsafe for our crews to proceed or for some other reason we are unable to remove the graffiti, the property owner bears full responsibility for abating the graffiti violation.

Graffiti Eradication Method

Graffiti on an unpainted brick or concrete surface: a high-pressure water blaster will be used to remove the graffiti. There may be some slight discoloration of the brick, but there should be little, if any, harm to surface.

Graffiti on a painted surface: crew members will match the paint color as closely as possible, squaring off the vandalized area, and painting over the graffiti.



GRAFFITI CONSENT FORM

As owner of the above property, I hereby grant consent to Operation Brightside, doing business as Brightside St. Louis, to access this property for the purpose of removing the graffiti.

I understand that if the graffiti is on an unpainted brick or concrete surface, Brightside will use a high-pressure water blaster to remove the graffiti. There may be some slight discoloration of the brick, but there should be little, if any, harm to the surface. Graffiti in hard-to-reach locations may have to be painted instead of blasted from brick or concrete surfaces.

I further understand that if the graffiti is on a painted surface, Brightside will match the paint color as closely as possible, squaring off the vandalized area, and painting over the graffiti.

In addition, as owner of the above property, I agree to hold Operation Brightside harmless of any and all liabilities arising in any way connected with injury, death or property damage caused by Operation Brightside.

I further understand that if Brightside determines that they are unable to safely access the property and/or remove the graffiti for some other reason, as property owner I am responsible for eradicating this graffiti and abating this building code violation.

By signature below, consent is hereby granted to Operation Brightside, dba Brightside St. Louis, to remove the graffiti from the above address.

I DO NOT WANT OPERATION BRIGHTSIDE TO REMOVE GRAFFITI FROM MY PROPERTY. I WILL ABATE THE GRAFFITI <u>WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS</u> TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS BUILDING CODE.*

Date
Phone
Phone

* In order to reduce blight and deterioration within the City of St. Louis and to protect the public health and safety, eight (8) days after written notification was sent to the property owner, if the violation has not been abated, Operation Brightside may access the property and remove the graffiti without written consent from the property owner. Operation Brightside will remove graffiti at NO CHARGE to the property owner. This action is authorized by the City of St. Louis Ordinance #66934.