

Policy on Graffiti
Adopted by the Board – January 29, 2009

The Sellwood Westmoreland Business Alliance supports fully the City of Portland City Code 14B.80 Graffiti Nuisance Property and the need to remove graffiti within 10 days.

As an Alliance, we appreciate the cost and bother of removal. It would be ideal if this were never a problem. On the other hand, we also understand well the “broken widows” theory that graffiti attracts more of the same (as does litter and broken windows).

Officers, Board Members and the Executive Director are all asked to speak to businesses with a graffiti tag(s) and ask for compliance. It is always up to the business owner and the Lessor (if any) to resolve who pays for remediation.

Graffiti seen by or reported to the Executive Director on non-private property such as mailboxes, street signs, utility equipment, Tri-Met property, or other government property will be photographed and reported to the City. It should be noted that in the past 6 years, over 20,000 instances have been referred and handled.