



CP 4.6 | Honorary Awards

Objective

To establish honorary awards conferrable by Council and the process for bestowing those honorary awards.

Scope

This policy applies to the conferral of honorary awards by Council.

Policy statement

Honorary Awards of the City of Perth

1. The following honorary awards of the City of Perth are established:
 - a. Honorary Citizenship
 - b. Keys to the City
 - c. Freedom of Entry
 - d. Freeperson of the City
2. Nominations for an honorary award are to be submitted by Council members to the CEO for assessment and recommendation to Council.
3. The conferral or revocation of any of these awards must be by resolution of Council.
4. Before the conferral of any honorary award, the consent of the nominee must be obtained.
5. The conferral of an honorary award will be made by the Lord Mayor at an appropriate time and place.

Honorary Citizenship

6. Honorary Citizenship may be granted to an individual, who is not an Australian Citizen, who is considered to be especially admirable or worthy of the distinction. It is a symbolic honour; the recipient does not receive any rights, privileges or duties typically held by an Australian citizen.
7. The following criteria are to be assessed in determining if to award Honorary Citizenship of the City of Perth:
 - a. the individual must have attained a high level of achievement and service in business, educational or cultural activity relating to the City of Perth, Western Australia or Australia;
 - b. the individual must have made significant and meritorious contributions through their profession or qualifications to a field or cause relating to the City of Perth, Western Australia or Australia;
 - c. the individual is an international visitor of note; or



- d. granting of the Honorary Citizenship is in the interests of the City of Perth, Western Australia or Australia.
8. Upon conferral a formal certificate will be presented to the award recipient.

Keys to the City

9. Conferral of the honour of Keys to the City of Perth is a high honour, though it conveys no legal rights.
10. The following criteria are to be assessed in determining if to award Keys to the City of Perth:
 - a. a high level of achievement and service in their chosen field; and
 - b. a significant and meritorious contribution to the City of Perth, Western Australia, Australian or world affairs.
11. The honour of Keys to the City will be conferred through presentation of commemorative keys.

Freedom of Entry

12. Freedom of Entry is a high honour which may be conferred by the City of Perth. The honour conveys no legal right.
13. The conferral of the Freedom of Entry allows military units the privilege of marching into the city “with drums beating, colours flying, and bayonets fixed”.
14. Freedom of Entry may be granted to units of the Defence Force which have a significant attachment to the City of Perth.
15. A Freedom of Entry march may be arranged by the City to allow the military unit receiving the honour, to publicly display their privilege to march into the City.

Freeperson of the City

16. Freeperson of the City is a high honour which may only be conferred by a unanimous vote of the City of Perth Council. The honour conveys no legal right.
17. The title of Freeperson of the City may be conferred on former Elected Members, former Employees, or any other individual who has given an exceptional contribution to the City of Perth community which can be seen above the contributions of most other persons in their position.
18. Applications may be sent to the CEO and considered by Council under a confidential agenda item at an Ordinary Meeting of Council within 3 months.
19. A formal certificate will be presented to the accepting recipient.
20. Freepersons of the City and their spouse/partner will be invited to all Civic Receptions.



Document control

Policy context

Legislation, standards & external guidelines	Nil.
Policies and procedures	Nil.
Strategies, plans and frameworks	Nil.

Document custodian

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Document management

Version	Adopted by	Adoption date	Synopsis of changes
1.0	Ordinary Council Meeting	6 July 2021	Council policy adopted. Supersedes suite of revoked policies CP 1.10 Freeman of the City, CP 1.11 – Freedom of Entry, CP 1.12 Keys to the City & CP 1.13 – Honorary Citizenship
2.0	Ordinary Council Meeting	22 November 2022	Council Policy amended