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Under Western Australia State law, every local government authority is required to complete a Municipal Heritage Inventory. The inventory is a list of places that after physical and historical research are determined by the local Council to be significant to the local community.

What are the benefits of my property being included on the Municipal Heritage Inventory?

The main benefit of the listing will be that you will be assisting the City of Vincent to retain its character and historic integrity for present and future generations. Other benefits include access to low interest loans for conservation work via the Heritage Loan Scheme, development bonuses, relaxation of building controls, reduced planning application fees and access to the City of Vincent Heritage Assistance Fund.

What does it mean to be listed as Management Category A?

It means that your place has been recognised as having the highest possible heritage significance within the City of Vincent. Given this importance the conservation of your place is considered to be essential and any redevelopment will need to be in keeping with the cultural heritage significance of your place.

What does it mean to be listed as Management Category B?

It means that your place has clearly established cultural heritage significance to the City of Vincent. It is recommended that your place be conserved and that any works conducted on your place should be in keeping with the cultural heritage significance of your place.

What type of changes can I make to my property if it is placed on the formal Municipal Heritage Inventory?

Owning a heritage place does not stop you from making changes to your property. Just like any other property in the City of Vincent, if you wish to carry out development on your place you will require planning approval. Normal maintenance work can be done without development approval, provided it doesn't significantly alter the heritage values of the place. For further details on suitable development for heritage-listed places it is recommended that you refer to the Policy relating to Heritage Management - Development Guidelines. A Heritage Officer from the City is always available to discuss development options with you.

Will the value of my property be affected by listing?

Generally no. Other examples of listed properties suggest that there is a neutral and sometimes positive effect on property values due to the retention of the place's integrity and enhanced characteristics. Because heritage does not prevent you from improving your building, value can often be added to your property.

What if I want more information on the listing of my place on the Municipal Heritage Inventory?

You can find out more about the Municipal Heritage Inventory by visiting the City's dedicated heritage website at **www.vincentheritage.com.au.** You can also speak to the City's Heritage Officers who can offer technical advice and further information regarding the proposed listing of your property. The City's Senior Heritage Officer is available on 9273 6069.

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