

Half Cost Fencing **Fact Sheet**

As outlined under the Fencing Act 1968, Council will contribute half of the cost of the construction and replacement of a standard fence abutting Council owned properties (recreation reserves, parks, and other buildings). Council's approval must be obtained prior to any repair / replacement of fences. Council will not consider contribution after works are commenced or completed.

A standard fence is defined as 1.65 metres high of timber paling construction. The property owner must pay any additional costs for all other materials (such as Colourbond) to be used, and where the fence height exceeds 1.65 meters. Council will assess individual applications for "Half Cost Fencing" before proceeding.

Council will not contribute to "Half Cost Fencing" where:

- Properties are adjacent to road reserves, laneway, walkways and right of way,
- Properties are adjacent to other authorities land (eg. Melbourne water, South East water, etc.),
- Properties are not owned by Council (eg. freeway reservations, VicRoads' land, etc.).

It is the property owner's responsibility to contact Council promptly to seek assistance in the repair or replacement of a fence. This is to ensure risks to the community are minimised.

To apply for Half-Cost Fencing

1. Obtain three (3) written quotes from fencing contractors showing:

- Fencing contractor details (Company name, ABN, address and phone number),
- The clients names, addresses and contact number,
- Total cost for fence replacement – 1.65m high paling fence,
- Details of job (Sections details - LHS/ RHS or Back fence and total length);
- Details of the warranty provided by the contractor for the proposed works.

2. Submit the three (3) written quotes to Council

- Springvale and Dandenong offices and Parkmore Shopping Centre Customer Service
- By Post - City of Greater Dandenong, P.O Box 200, Dandenong 3175
- By Fax - (03) 8571 5196

3. Applicants will be notified of Council's decision by telephone within (10) working days from receipt by Council. The awarded fencing contractor will receive a Purchase Order from Council as acceptance for the proposed works.

Note - It is the responsibility of the property owner

- To make contact with fencing contractor to commence repair works;
- To clear fence line of any obstructions (eg. trees, shrubs, rocks, concrete) on their property side;
- Ensuring all debris / rubbish are removed by the fencing contractor at the completion of the job;
- To comply with all covenants, restrictions or caveats on property titles regarding fencing requirements;
- To comply with Council's recommendations and requirements relating to fencing construction.
- Not to pay for the job in full as Council will not refund payment to the applicant. The fencing contractor will invoice Council separately.

For further information regarding Half Cost Fencing, please ring Council's Building Maintenance on 8571 1000 or via email at buildingmaintenance@cgd.vic.gov.au