

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 replacement of fences. Council will not consider contribution to fence repairs or if works have commenced or been completed.

A standard fence is defined as 1.95 metres high or less of timber paling or Colorbond construction. The property owner must pay any additional costs for all other materials to be used, and where the fence height exceeds 1.95 meters. Council will assess individual applications for Half Cost Fencing before proceeding. Council will not allow installation of any gates as part of Half Cost Fencing replacement.

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 replacement of a fence. Council will serve a safety notice if a fence is deemed a public risk, which will require immediate action. 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,
- 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

- By email at council@cgd.vic.gov.au
- in person at the Springvale, Dandenong and Parkmore Shopping Centre Customer Service Centres
- By Post - City of Greater Dandenong, P.O Box 200, Dandenong 3175

3. Applicants will be notified of Council's decision 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 replacement 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;
- 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 call Greater Dandenong Council on 8571 1000 or via email at council@cgd.vic.gov.au

This fact sheet can also be downloaded at Council's Website at www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au