

FENCING POLICY

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Applicable to:	Facilities and Emergencies Business Unit
Responsible Officer:	Manager Facilities and Emergencies
Related Policies:	Nil
Related Documents:	Nil
Statutory Reference:	<i>Community Local Law 2021</i> <i>Fences Act 1968</i> <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>

OVERVIEW

To establish policy for the management of fencing costs on boundaries adjoining Council controlled land.

THE POLICY

This policy sets out Council's responsibilities in relation to contribution for construction and maintenance costs of fencing on boundaries adjoining Council owned and/or occupied land. The policy is subject to provisions in Council's planning scheme, local laws, current building regulations and the Victorian *Fences Act 1968*.

Responsibility

Council will contribute to the shared costs of fencing where requested by adjoining landowners, on boundaries where Council is the landowner or has vested control.

Council will not contribute to the cost of:

- fencing of roadways, lanes or right of ways;
- rural fencing;
- gates onto Council land;
- waterways or drainage reserves;
- fencing resulting from new subdivisions; or
- pedestrian access ways.

Council will fund 50% of the cost, with the landowner, of the cheapest quotation for a standard 1.8 metre hardwood timber paling fence, with concrete posts and plinths, or Colourbond steel fence installed to manufacturers requirements. These standards of fence have been specified as they are the most resilient to damage, and most cost effective to maintain.

If a landowner requests to build a non-standard fence, Council may agree to contribute on the condition that the landowner accept full responsibility for the future maintenance of the fence.

REVISION HISTORY

VERSION	DATE	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
1.0	December 2022	No changes applicable at this review.
1.1	December 2023	Date of Next Review updated to December 2024. Minor formatting changes.
1.2	December 2024	Inclusion of Colorbond steel as allowable material for fencing where 50% Council funding applies. Date of Next Review updated to December 2025.
1.3	December 2025	Date of Next Review updated to December 2027. Business Unit and Responsible Officer updated to reflect Facilities and Emergencies. For Responsibility, 'lanes' added to the areas where Council will not contribute costs.