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<b>Title:</b>	Fencing – Parks/City-Owned/Private Property	<b>Repeal Date:</b>	
<b>Department:</b>	Facilities & Parks Operations	<b>Approval Date:</b>	1981-MAR-09 COUNCIL

**PURPOSE:**

N/A

**DEFINITIONS:**

N/A

**SCOPE:**

N/A

**POLICY:**

FENCING POLICY/PARKS

When the City’s Parks and Recreation Department receives request from property owners for construction of a fence between their property and a park site, the City, through its Parks and Recreation Commission, will investigate to ensure it is a logical requirement, and in addition ascertain the wishes of all owners of adjacent property similarly affected by the boundary in question.

The Commission shall recommend to City Council the construction of a fence between the park site and the property of ONLY those owners agreeing to the following terms, subject to budgetary allocations and priorities:

1. The City’s Parks and Recreation Department shall construct a fence suitable to the urban or rural location of the park site and to other pertinent conditions which may exist;
2. The property owner in an urban area shall pay an amount comparable to one-half the cost of a chain-link or wooden fence the property owner in a rural area will pay an amount comparable to one-half the cost of an erected three-strand block wire fence. These amounts, expressed in dollars per linear foot, will be reviewed and set at the beginning of each year by the City.

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FENCING POLICY BETWEEN CITY OWNED PROPERTY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

1. Council adopted a policy for fencing between City owned property and privately owned abutting property as follows:
  - (1) GENERAL:  
In each fence location, the City will employ a design suitable to the location and purpose.

The City will specify a limited number of designs for standard City fences: wire-strand and wire-mesh fencing; chain-link fencing; wood fencing; protective fencing for playfields.

The City will construct all perimeter fences on City property and clear of the property lines. The City will then be able to carry out painting and maintenance procedures without damage to adjoining property and to treat the fence as City property. The City will encourage cost sharing arrangements. Cost sharing generally, will be on the basis of four-foot standard fences.

The City will establish a scale of costs of standard fences at the beginning of each year.

(2) CITY INITIATIVE:

The City may initiate the construction of a fence, and in the case of urban property line fences, the adjoining property owner will be notified in writing of the intention of the City to construct a chain-link or wood fence and will be invited to pay to the City a sum equal to one-half of the cost of a four foot fence.

In the case of rural property line fences, the adjoining property owner will be notified in writing of the intention of the City to construct a fence and will be invited to pay to the City a sum equal to one-half of the cost of a wire fence.

If the adjoining property owner will not agree in writing to participate in the cost of the construction of a property line fence within 30 days of the mailing of the City notice, the City may proceed with the construction of a fence.

The City may construct street line fences on City property when and where required.

(3) OWNER INITIATIVE:

If the owner of the adjoining property proposes the construction of a fence at a City property line, the City may proceed as if under a City initiative or may refuse to proceed. Reasons for City refusal would include: The limited extent of the proposed work, the location, and pending changes on the City property.

The property owner is at liberty to construct a fence totally within his own property at his own cost, subject to City bylaws.

If the property owner wishes to construct a particular type of well-designed ornamental fence within his own property and if the extent and type of fence eliminates the need for a future City fence, the City may pay to the owner one-half the cost of a standard four foot fence but will not maintain the owner's fence.

- (4) Assuming that the majority of City fences at property lines will be galvanized steel or aluminum chain-link fences, the maintenance will be minimal and will be assumed to be the responsibility of the City. The maintenance of all other types of fences at property lines will be undertaken as circumstances warrant. Replacement fences at property lines will be undertaken as if under City initiative.

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Applicants for cost-sharing by the City for the construction of fencing on City/private property boundary lines shall be advised that there are no funds available for such purposes, and should be encouraged to construct their own fencing.

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**PROCESS:**  
N/A

**RELATED DOCUMENTS:**  
N/A

**REPEAL/AMENDS:**  
N/A