

# Property, Planning & Land

## Fencing Contributions - Shire Owned Properties

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### Objective

This policy applies to fencing between property owned by the Shire of Koorda (“**the Shire**”) and adjoining property.

To provide for the processes in dealing with fencing between property owned by the Shire and adjoining properties.

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### Policy

The Shire may contribute to the cost of a dividing fence between its freehold property and an adjoining property. The Shire will not contribute to the cost of a dividing fence between Crown land managed by the Shire and adjoining property.

The Shire will not contribute towards the cost of a fence where private property abuts a:

- Road, road reserve, laneway, right of way or walkway,
- Drainage reserve,
- Natural reserve or tree reserve, or
- Public park or reserve, including ovals.

The Shire will not contribute to the cost of gates installed in a fence.

The Shire contribution will be limited to 50% of the cost of erecting an original fence or replacing a deteriorated existing dividing fence, with a like for like principle to apply.

A request from an owner for the Shire to share in the cost of erecting an original fence or replacing a deteriorated existing dividing fence must be made in writing by the owner setting out:

- The reason for the request;
- The total length of the proposed new fence that adjoins Shire property;
- The material(s) to be used in the making of the fence together with - if other than a standard material dividing fence - brochures or a sketch detailing the height, design, materials proposed and a quotation (or estimated cost) of the portion adjoining Shire property.

Note: Dividing fences or walls acting as dividing fences made from materials other than standard fence materials such as ‘HardiFence®’, ‘Colorbond®’, timber picket may require development approval.

Where the Shire and the owner agree on the terms of the agreement, it shall be documented and signed by both parties. The agreement is to include the type of fence, the cost sharing arrangements and which party will arrange the erection.

Where it has been agreed that the Shire will arrange the fence erection, the Shire will follow the Shire’s “F - Purchasing Policy.” The adjoining owner’s contribution will be required to be paid to the Shire prior to accepting the most suitable quotation, the Shire not being obligated to accept the lowest quotation.

Where it has been agreed that the owner will arrange the fence erection, the Shire’s contribution is subject to the Shire having agreed to a quotation obtained by the owner - or the owner’s selection if more than one quotation. The Shire is required to pay the owner within 14 days of the Shire being satisfied the new fence has been installed to an acceptable standard and is in accordance with the Residential Design Codes.

In cases of financial hardship or where the adjoining owner is the holder of a Pensioner Concession Card, the Shire may agree to erect or replace a fence and have the owner's share of the cost paid by instalments.

The Shire will not contribute to the cost of a dividing fence between property owned as freehold by the Shire and adjoining property if a new or existing development proposes a change in fencing material and the fence was in an acceptable and functional condition prior to any works on the site.

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### **Related Documents (Legislation/Local Law/Policy/Procedure/Delegation)**

*Dividing Fences Act 1954*

Residential Design Codes (R-Codes)

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### **Review History**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Council Resolution</b>	<b>Description of review/amendment</b>
24/03/2025	RES: 040325	V1.0. Adoption of new policy as per Council Resolution: 230225.

