
2.0 POLICY NO.2/2006 FENCING POLICY

2.1 INTRODUCTION

The National Capital District Physical Planning Board (NCDPPB) expressed serious concern over the lack of policy statements on “fencing” in the National Capital District (NCD) and requested that a policy be prepared to address this issue.

Fences greatly contribute to the streetscape; solid fencing, for example sheet metal fencing panels, timber palings and roofing sheet products, all of which are prone to graffiti, have become very unsightly (ref: photos 1&2) over the years and have an adverse impact on the overall streetscape. One common type of fencing used is color-bond fencing.



Photo 1 & 2: Examples of sheet metal fencing vandalised in the NCD

In the NCD, the main concern for property owners regarding fencing is security. Other concerns are to prevent trespassing on to their premises and to achieve some level of privacy.

The policy sets out the specific controls that will be applied to all fencing proposals, which are considered by the NCDPPB. For those proposals falling into the deemed permission category it is recommended that section 5.0 of this policy be imposed as appropriate conditions under Section 84 (2) (a) of the Physical Planning Act 1989.

2.2 POLICY OBJECTIVES

The policy aims to achieve the following objectives:

- I. To discourage the vandalism/graffiti of both state and private properties.
- II. To improve the visual character of the street and discourage any illegal operations in private properties.
- III. To provide information and guidelines for the benefit of landowners, developers, the building and construction industry and residents of the NCD.
- IV. To assist the staff of Regulatory Services Department of National Capital District Commission (NCDC), in the evaluation of fencing applications.
- V. To provide the NCDPPB with guidelines to assist decision-making on fencing proposals.

