

## RESOLUTION 06- 19

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR COST-SHARING FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY FENCE REPLACEMENT/REPAIR (GOOD NEIGHBOR FENCE POLICY)

**WHEREAS**, the City from time to time receives requests for cost sharing of fences from private property owners which are adjacent to City-owned land; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Los Altos desires to establish a Good Neighbor Fence Policy to provide policies and procedures for replacement or repair of existing fences where the City is a neighboring property owner; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby determine, and order as follows:

#### SECTION ONE

This policy applies only to situations where an existing fence lies on the property line between land owned by the City of Los Altos and a neighboring private property owner. A typical situation would be a “good neighbor” fence between a City park or civic facility and a neighboring property. This policy does not apply to situations where private fences border public rights-of-way or easements. It also does not apply to situations where private fences are wholly on private property, even if that property borders land that the City owns.

#### SECTION TWO

The City will pay 50% of the cost to replace or repair existing fences in certain conditions, as follows:

- A. To be eligible, the property owner must not have any past-due financial obligations to the City, nor shall there be any outstanding Code Enforcement actions pending.
- B. The fence must have fallen down or be at risk of falling down, as determined and/or verified by City staff.
- C. The costs shared with the City will include only repairs to the existing fence or replacement of the existing fence with a standard 6-foot wooden fence. The private property owner shall be responsible for the full cost of any upgrade to the existing or replacement fence and its subsequent repair and/or replacement. The City will share in the cost of materials actually used or for services contracted out; the neighboring property owner’s labor is not reimbursable.
- D. The property owner shall obtain a quote for repair or replacement of the fence. If the quote exceeds \$2,000, the property owner shall obtain two additional quotes for repair of the existing fence or replacement of the fence with a standard 6-foot wooden fence.

- E. Repairs or replacement of the fence shall be completed in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with generally accepted construction practices. Posts shall be pressure treated.

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a regular meeting thereof held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2006 by the following role call vote:

**AYES:** CARPENTER, COLE, CASAS, PACKARD  
**NOES:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** COLEHOWER

  
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Ronald D. Packard, MAYOR

**ATTEST**

  
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Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK