



# CITY POLICY

**POLICY NUMBER: C580**

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**REFERENCE:**

The Way Ahead  
The Way We Grow  
The Way We Move

**ADOPTED BY:**

City Council

**SUPERSEDES:**

New

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**PREPARED BY:** Sustainable Development Department

**DATE:** 1 December 2014

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**TITLE:** Construction Hoarding

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**Policy Statement:**

Urban densification and a vibrant public realm are key elements to increasing the livability and sustainability of our city. As the city grows, it is crucial to maintain and improve the walkability and vibrancy of the public realm without hindering development in areas best suited for densification. The City of Edmonton promotes the use of construction hoardings that balance the interests of all parties in order to achieve pedestrian safety, transportation mode equity, vibrant streetscapes and community.

The City supports construction hoardings that:

1. ensures the safety of all parties including on-site workers, pedestrians, cyclists and vehicular passengers.
2. balances the needs of all forms of transportation, and supports active transportation by ensuring that sidewalks remain open or are relocated in the street right of way whenever possible.
3. mitigates the negative impacts of hoarding on the streetscape and improves the public realm through a form of visual treatment.
4. involves community through notification and artistic collaboration.
5. considers the interest of all parties, both public and private.

To encourage construction hoardings that achieve these principles the City of Edmonton will:

1. Enact bylaws, procedures and processes as required.
2. Promote, collaborate, co-operate and partner with the community, including industry.
3. Communicate clear expectations to the community

## DEFINITIONS

Construction hoardings - are temporary barricades used to enclose construction sites and/or protect the users of the road right of way from falling construction debris. Hoardings often occupy portions of the road right of way and are used for the safety of workers and the public and to provide additional area for construction activities where site constraints exist.

Public realm – the public realm includes all publicly accessible areas such as parks and natural areas, public places, public buildings and the streetscape, which includes the road, sidewalk and boulevard.

Road right of way – public property designated for traffic and pedestrians.

Walkability – a measure of how pedestrian friendly an area is.

Livability – a measure of how an area contributes to its resident's quality of life.