

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) CONCEPT AND PRINCIPLES; TO PROMOTE USE OF CPTED CONCEPT AND PRINCIPLES IN PROPOSED LAND DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CPTED STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, the City Commission supports the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design philosophy as a way to reduce crime, advance neighborhood and business environments and improve the overall quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a maintenance principle to support the CPTED concepts and principles will assist in maintaining a crime-free environment; and

WHEREAS, The City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce encourages all residents and businesses of the City of Fort Pierce to make necessary adaptations to their physical environments to assist revitalization efforts and reduce crime in their neighborhoods; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. To adopt the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Concept and Principles (Attachment A) in order to promote public safety, community livability and an improvement of life within the City of Fort Pierce.

Section 2. To promote use of CPTED principles in proposed land development and redevelopment projects by providing review and recommendations through the technical review process.

Section 3. To support continued maintenance of Natural Surveillance elements such as landscaping and overgrowth through the enforcement of CPTED standards utilizing established enforcement procedures.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Linda Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Cox, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

CPTED DEFINITION

CPTED is the acronym for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. CPTED is defined as “the proper design and effective use of the built environment that can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and improvement in the quality of life”.

CONCEPT AND PRINCIPLES

The adopted principles will assist in the creation of a built environment that increases the perception of safety for the normal user and increases the perception of risk for the would-be offender. The CPTED principles as taught by the National Crime Prevention Institute are:

1. Natural Surveillance: The placement of physical features, activities and people in such a way as to maximize visibility. Such physical features include appropriate and properly maintained landscaping and lighting to eliminate shadows.
2. Natural Access Control: The physical guidance of people coming and going from a space by the judicious placement of entrance, exits, fencing, landscaping and lighting.
3. Territorial Reinforcement: The use of physical attributes that express ownership, such as fences, pavement treatments, art, signage and landscaping.
4. Maintenance: Allows for the continued use of a space for its intended purpose. Proper maintenance prevents reduced visibility due to plant overgrowth and obstructed or inoperative lighting, while serving as an additional expression of territoriality and ownership.

CPTED STANDARDS

1. Landscaping: Requires that trees shall be trimmed to maintain a 7' clear height, hedges and bushes should be trimmed to maintain a maximum of 2.5' in height except when the following conditions apply:
 - a. Landscaping, including but not limited to hedges, shrubs and bushes, used to deter graffiti, in which the hedge height is to be determined by the protected fence or wall.
 - b. Occupied single family dwellings in which there is an established landscaping plan that is routinely maintained in a neat and orderly fashion so as not to create an attractive nuisance.
2. Lighting: Requires all obstructions of lighting to be removed and all inoperative lighting to be replaced in a timely manner.
3. Graffiti: Requires graffiti to be removed, obliterated or abated as soon as possible. All cases of graffiti should be properly documented and reported to the Police Department to help identify gang related activities.