

The Vredehoek CID

A Safer, Cleaner, Stronger Neighbourhood

This is about community pride, security, and investment in where we live.



- ✓ Make our streets safer with patrols & cameras
- ✓ Keep parks, pavements & public spaces clean
- ✓ Beautify our area with green initiatives, benches & upgraded spaces
- ✓ Support social upliftment by partnering with local NGOs
- ✓ Protect and grow our property values

What is a CID?

- A special ratings area approved by the City of Cape Town
- Funded by a small additional monthly levy on property owners
- Managed according to a community-approved Business Plan
- Run by a professional team (not volunteers), focused only on our area

How will it be created?

At least **60% of ratepayers** must vote in favour of creating the Vredehoek CID. The Steering Committee will create a Business Plan based on community input and expected budget. **Public meetings** and **focus groups** will allow for input and adjustments before the vote.

How much will it cost?

Your contribution will likely be **R50 – R180** per million rand of property value, per month (e.g. a R2m home = between R100 and R360/month). **Pensioners and indigent ratepayers who qualify for rates relief are exempt.** Compared to the increase in property value & daily quality of life, this is an **investment that pays back.**

*Non-residential properties pay a different rate.

How does the budget work?

Your contribution is paid to the City, who pays it to the CID. The CID **doesn't receive any grants or subsidies from the City.** The CID budget and proposed additional rates have to be **approved by Council**, and advertised for comments & objections as part of the City's budget process.

Timeline

- **August – October 2025:** Community survey, develop Business Plan
- **November 2025:** 1st public meeting
- **2026:** 2nd public meeting & voting
- **Mid-2027:** CID operations begin (if approved)

How do we decide what's important?

The services provided by the CID are determined based on the needs of the community, expressed through the **Urban Management Survey** process and **engagement in public meetings.**

Who's behind this?

A **volunteer Steering Committee of 6 local ratepayers** (residents & business owners) approved by the City. **None are paid** – we're doing this because we love Vredehoek and believe a CID is the best way to safeguard our collective future. The Steering Committee is different to the team who will run the CID when it's established.

Have your say

This only works with your support. **The CID Steering Committee wants to hear from all residents and stakeholder groups in the area** (e.g. business owners, DPVWatch, NGOs and CSOs, & informal groups like camera monitors) to see how best the CID can benefit our neighbourhood. **The CID gives residents a direct voice in how our neighbourhood is managed.** Please get in touch via www.vredehoekcid.co.za or info@vredehoekcid.co.za

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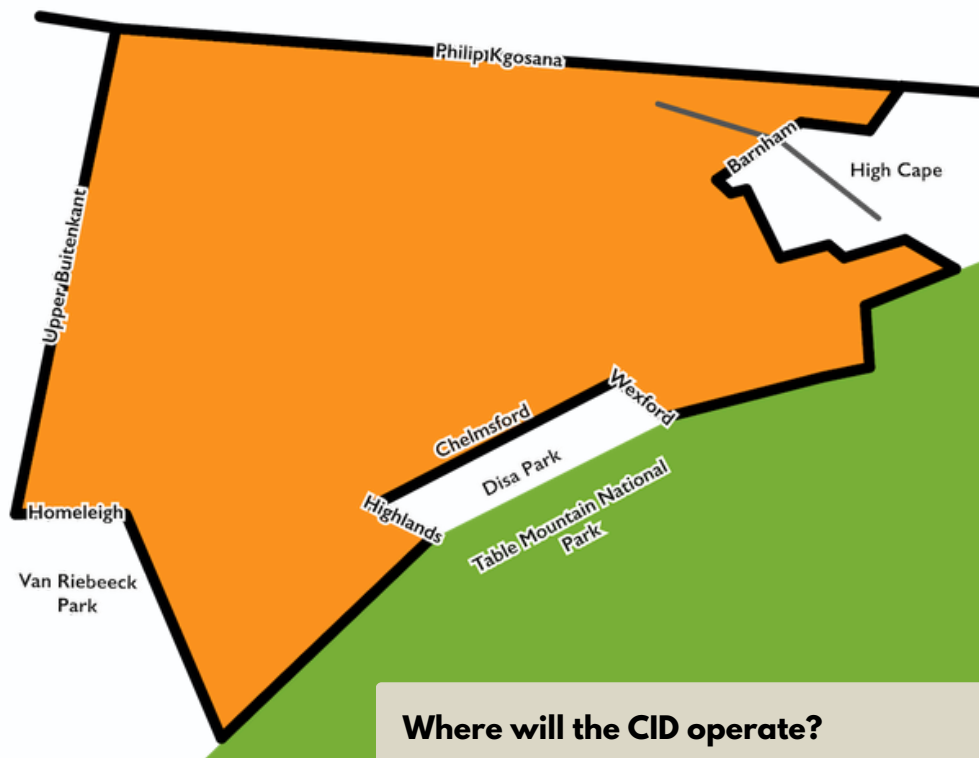


What services will the CID provide?

The final services will be determined based on **community needs**, will depend on **costs** and how much the community is **willing to pay**, and must be **approved by the ratepayers**.

Possible services include:

- Dedicated 24/7 patrol vehicles
- Camera monitoring using AI and humans
- Taking over the cost of monitoring existing street cameras
- Contracting a law enforcement officer from the City with the power to enforce by-laws
- Cleaning teams to keep public spaces clean and tidy (particularly after bin days) by working with organisations that provide local jobs
- Contracting social workers and related services to engage with rough sleepers
- Paid CID manager and assistant roles so that the CID does not have to rely on volunteers
- An operations office in Vredehoek
- With the permission of DPVWatch, possibly take over costly aspects of DPVWatch operations that are currently donor funded and are applicable to the CID mandate, such as LPR cameras.



Where will the CID operate?

The CID will cover Vredehoek & Devil's Peak as shown in the map.

**SHARE THIS WITH YOUR NEIGHBOUR AND
LET'S KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTED.**



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A Vredehoek

Worth Dreaming Of



- ✓ Our Levy, Our Choice, One Direct Contact, Not a Call Centre
- ✓ You're Not a Reference Number, You're a Paying Resident
- ✓ A Neighbourhood That Works For Us & By Us

WHY?

With a CID, every Rand goes back into our neighbourhood. We - not the City - decide what's needed. Plus, we get a full-time local coordinator ensures problems get solved quickly. And just like in other CID areas, property values rise and communities thrive.

Inspired by John Lennon's Imagine

Imagine a Vredehoek where the streets belong to us again. Where children play soccer in the road, neighbours walk their dogs (and even their cats), and nobody worries about speeding cars, dark corners, or suspicious shadows.

The extra levy we are paying is not money lost - it comes back to us. We, the residents, decide how it's used, guided by surveys and our committee. The City simply collects it; but it's our neighbourhood, our priorities, our choices. And across Cape Town, wherever CIDs have been implemented, property values have risen, communities have strengthened, and people have chosen to stay.

Imagine a Vredehoek that is more than just security - it's about look, feel, and belonging. Benches repaired. Parks restored. Streetlights bright enough that we can walk in the evenings, not rushing home before dark but lingering under the glow.

Pavements without holes, streets without broken glass, litter, or worse. A neighbourhood where dumping, dirt, and faeces are no longer part of daily life.

Imagine not calling a faceless call centre, but reaching a full-time coordinator based here in Vredehoek; someone who knows your name, your street, and your concerns. One point of contact, one person working just for us.

Imagine cars parked safely on the street, untouched. Imagine no vagrancy, no break-ins, no need to feel like soldiers on duty. Instead, we reclaim our streets with trust, with safety, with joy.

This is not a distant dream. With collective effort and shared vision, it becomes the Vredehoek we live in a neighbourhood that works. Where neighbours are friends, where trust is rebuilt, where families thrive. Imagine a Vredehoek so safe, so vibrant, so alive... you would never want to leave.

That is the Vredehoek we dream of. And together, it is the Vredehoek we can create.

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