

**Request for a Fence Exemption
288 Laird Drive**

Date:	March 6, 2007
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Bryan Byng, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, North York District
Wards:	Ward 26 – Don Valley West
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 06-148846

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision [provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws].

The purpose of this report is to consider a request by the owner(s) of 288 Laird Drive to be exempted from Chapter 447 - Fences, section 447-2(B). This section states that the maximum height of a fence in the rear yard can be 2 metres.

The subject of this exemption request is two sections of existing wood fence in the rear yard on the northwest and southwest corners of the property. The northwest section is 2.1 metres in height; it extends 2.4 metres along the north property line and 1.8 metres along the west property line. The southwest section is 2.1 metres in height; it extends 2.4 metres along the south property line and 1.8 metres along the west property line.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that the provisions of Chapter 447 be supported by not granting the exemption request.**

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact anticipated in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

This was a public complaint. A Notice of Violation was issued. An exemption request was received.

COMMENTS

The owner(s) of the property are requesting the fence exemption for reasons of privacy and aesthetics. The two sections of fence are constructed as a mirror image of each other.

Should the recommendation not be accepted and the request approved, a condition of approval should include that when the fence is replaced it should be constructed in compliance with Chapter 447 or its successor by-law.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Fence exemption letter
2. Photos