

**Fence Exemption Request
15 Verwood Avenue**

Date:	October 3, 2007
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Bryan Byng, District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, North York District
Wards:	Ward 10 – York Centre
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 07-109457

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 15 Verwood Avenue, to be exempted from Chapter 447 – Fences, section 447-2(B). This section states that the maximum height of a fence in the side and rear yard can be 2.0 metres.

The exemption request is for the wood fence with lattice in the side and rear yard at the west side of the property. All of this fencing exceeds the maximum height of 2.0 metres. The Comments section further describes the physical characteristics of the fence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that the fence exemption not be granted.**

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact anticipated in this report

DECISION HISTORY

This matter arose as a public complaint. A Notice of Violation was issued on March 14, 2007. Subsequent to that, an exemption request dated May 23, 2007, was received.

COMMENTS

The owner(s) are requesting this exemption for reasons of safety and privacy.

The fence is described as commencing at the front face of the dwelling side of the property, extending approximately 20.73 metres to the rear lot line and located at the west side of the property. The wood fence with lattice varies in height from 2.20 metres to 2.28 metres.

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 b-law.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Pictures