

## **Request for Fence Exemption – 18 Abbottswood Road**

<b>Date:</b>	October 31, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 37 – Scarborough Centre
<b>Reference Number:</b>	IBMS No. 07 260393

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to consider a request by the owner(s) of 18 Abbottswood Road to be exempted from Chapter 447 – Fences section (2) of the Toronto Municipal Code. This section states that the maximum height of the fence in the front yard within 2.4 metres of the front lot line not exceed 1 metre; a fence located in the front yard not within 2.4 metres of the front lot line not exceed 1.2 metres and any other fence not exceed 2 metres.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District recommends that Scarborough Community Council:**

1. refuse the existing 1.9 metre high board on board wood fence based on non-compliance with the requirements set out in Chapter 447 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

## **Financial Impact**

There is no financial implications.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

The City of Toronto Council enacted the amalgamated Fence By-law on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000 to prescribe the height and description of fences on private property and to require owners of privately owned outdoor swimming pools to erect and maintain fences and gates around swimming pools. This by-law and the amendments are now found in Chapter 447 of the Toronto Municipal Code

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

A public complaint was received by Municipal Licensing and Standards that the fence at 18 Abbottswood Road exceeded the 1 metre and 1.2 metre height restriction in the front yard. A Notice of Violation was issued to the owner(s) of 18 Abbottswood Road. A letter from the owner(s) requesting an exemption to the fence by-law Chapter 447 was received by Municipal Licensing and Standards. The subject property owner has erected a privacy wood fence in the front yard on a corner lot approximately 1.9 metres in height along the west side yard property lines.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Correspondence dated September 24, 2007 from Nusrat Mukadam (Owners)
2. Pictures