

Request for Fence Exemption – 1 Donside Drive

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To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 35 – Scarborough-Southwest
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 07 261334

SUMMARY

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 1 Donside Drive to be exempted from Chapter 447-Fence 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 shall not exceed 1.2 metres for open mesh chain-link fence or equivalent open fence construction that does not restrict sight lines and 1 metre for any other type.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Refuse the existing 2 metre high board on board wood fence based on non-compliance with the requirement set out in Chapter 447 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications

DECISION HISTORY

The City of Toronto Council enacted the amalgamated Fence By-law on July 6th, 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 investigation conducted by Municipal Licensing and Standards found that the 2 metre high wood fence located in the front yard of 1 Donside Drive exceeds the 1.2 metre maximum height required by the by-law. A Notice of Violation was issued to the owner(s) of 1 Donside Drive. A letter from the owner requesting an exemption to the fence by-law Chapter 447 was received by Municipal Licensing and Standards.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Pictures