

## **Request for Fence Exemption – 21 Knowlton Drive**

<b>Date:</b>	September 25, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 36 – Scarborough Southwest
<b>Reference Number:</b>	IBMS No. 07 280320

### **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 21 Knowlton 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 not within 2.4 metres of the front lot line not exceed 1.2 metres and any other fence not exceed 2 metres on the side or rear yards of the property.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Refuse the existing 2 metre high wood fence and the proposed 30 centimetre lattice extension located in the front and side yard for a total overall height of 2.1 metres 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 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 investigation conducted by Municipal Licensing and Standards found that the 2 metre high wood fence located in the front yard of 21 Knowlton Drive exceeds the 1.2 metre maximum height required by the by-law. A Notice of Violation was issued to the owner(s) of 21 Knowlton 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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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Pictures