

Request for a Fence Exemption-1 Gully Drive

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To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 37-Scarborough Centre
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 08 197483

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 Gully Drive to be exempted from Chapter 447-Fence section (2) of the Toronto Municipal Code. This section states that the height of the fence in the front yard within 2.4 metres of the front lot line be a maximum 1 metre and a fence in the front yard not within 2.4 of the front lot line be a maximum 1.2 metres.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications.

DECISION HISTORY

The City of Toronto 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 existing 2 metre wood fence located in the front yard of 1 Gully Dr exceeds the maximum height permitted by the by-law. 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