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# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# Request for a Fence Exemption- 198 Phyllis Avenue

Date:	May 12, 2009
То:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough
Wards:	Ward 36-Scarborough Southwest
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 08 197158

### SUMMARY

This Staff Report is about a matter for which 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 198 Phyllis Avenue to be exempted from Chapter 447-Fence section (2) of the Toronto Municipal Code. This section states that the maximum height of a fence in the side and rear yards is 2 metres.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Refuse the existing 2.7 metre approximate height wood fence located in the side and rear yard of a residential property 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 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 existing 2.7 metre approx height wooden fence located in the side and rear yard of 198 Phyllis Avenue exceeds the maximum height permitted by this 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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# SIGNATURE

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#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Pictures