

## **Request for a Fence Exemption- 18 Abbeville Road**

<b>Date:</b>	May 12, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 38-Scarborough Centre
<b>Reference Number:</b>	IBMS No. 08 229843

### **SUMMARY**

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This Staff Report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make final decisions.

The purpose of this Report is to consider a request by the owner(s) of 18 Abbeville Road 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 front yard be 1.2 metres and if within 2.4 metres of a driveway be open fence construction.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Refuse the existing 1.5 metre high wrought iron fence located in the front yard of a residential property based on height 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 1.5 metre high wrought iron fence located in the front yard 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

