

Request for Fence Exemption – 37 Nelson Street

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To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 38- Scarborough Centre
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 09-178527

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 37 Nelson Street to be exempted from Chapter 447 – Fences section (2) of the Toronto Municipal Code. This section states that the maximum height of the fence in the front yard on a residential property shall not exceed 1.2 metres.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Refuse the proposed 2 metre high wrought iron fence to be located in the front yard.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications.

DECISION HISTORY

The City of Toronto Council enacted the amalgamated Fence By-law on July 6, 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.

BACKGROUND

The owners of 37 Nelson Street have proposed to replace a 1.2 metre high hedge with a 2 metre high wrought iron fence located in the front yard on private property. This property is located on a corner lot with a Toronto Transit Stop in the side yard.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing of proposed fence
2. Photographs