



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Request for Fence Exemption – 5 Thatcher Avenue

Date:	December 8, 2009
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 36 – Scarborough Southwest
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 09 163208

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 5 Thatcher Avenue 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 rear and side yard on a residential property shall not exceed 2 metres.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Refuse the existing side and rear yard 2.2 metre high board on board wood fence.

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.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

A investigation conducted by Municipal Licensing and Standards found that the existing 2.2 metre high wood fence located in the side and rear yards of 5 Thatcher Avenue exceeded 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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ATTACHMENTS

1. Photographs