



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Request for Fence Exemption – 69 Vauxhall Drive

<b>Date:</b>	December 9, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 37- Scarborough Centre
<b>Reference Number:</b>	IBMS No. 09-174875

#### SUMMARY

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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 69 Vauxhall Drive 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 and if within 2.4 metres of a driveway be constructed of open mesh chain-link fence or equivalent open fence construction.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Refuse the existing 1.5 metre to .9 metre high solid wood fences located in the front yard and its construction within the 2.4 metres of 2 driveways.

#### 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 1.5 metre to .9 metre high solid wood fences located in the front yard exceeds the height, they are also within 2.4 metres of 2 driveways and are not of open mesh construction which contravenes the fence by-law Chapter 447. 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. Photographs