

Request for Fence Exemption-19 Camilla Crescent

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To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 35- Scarborough Southwest
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 09 172910

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 19 Camilla Cres to be exempted from Chapter 447-Fences section (2) of the Toronto Municipal Code. This section states that the maximum height of a fence in the front yard on a residential property is 1.2 metres and a fence within 2.4 metres of a driveway shall be open mesh chain-link or of an equivalent open-fence so as to not obstruct the view of the boulevard or highway. The definition of a “fence” under Chapter 447 includes any hedge or shrub.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Refuse the existing front yard hedge which is approx. 1.6 metres high located on private property at 19 Camilla Crescent.

Financial Impact

There is no financial implication.

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

The owner of 19 Camilla Cres has submitted an application for a Fence Exemption under Chapter 447 and received by Municipal Licensing and Standards on February 11, 2010, for a existing hedge located in the front yard within 2.4 metres of a neighbouring driveway. The height of the hedge is approx. 1.6 metres high. A Notice of Violation was issued to the owners on November 18, 2009.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Photographs