Request for a Fence Exemption to the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447 – Fences at 315 Bloor Street West and Devonshire Place flankage

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**SUMMARY**

This staff report is about a matter for which the Toronto and East York 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 agent for the owner of 315 Bloor Street West to be exempted from Chapter 447 – Fences, Section 447-2B, to permit the installation of a wrought iron fence with masonry posts and a gate which will exceed the maximum allowable height.

The proposal is for a 1.95 metre high decorative wrought iron fence with masonry posts and a gate which exceeds the permitted height of 1.2 metres by .75 metres.

The City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 447, Fences, provides that a fence including posts in a front yard can be constructed to a maximum height of 1.2 metres.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council grant the fence exemption for 315 Bloor Street West.

**Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.
DECISION HISTORY

The City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447 – Fences, Section 447-2B, provides for the maximum permitted height of a fence (including posts) in a front yard should not exceed 1.2 metres in height.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Municipal Licensing and Standards Division received an application for an exemption from Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 447- Fences, in regards to a proposal to install a fence. The stated purpose of the extended height of the fence is for the purpose of added security of the property. The proposed height of the fence will be 1.95 metres high, .75 metres in excess of the allowable height.

In addition, City Planning, Heritage Preservation Services has been consulted on this matter and has no objection to the proposal.

COMMENTS

The Council of the City of Toronto enacted the amalgamated by-law No. 472-2000 on July 6, 2000, to prescribe the height and description of fences on private property. This By-law and the amendments are now found in the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447 – Fences.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Site plan of property
Attachment 2: Drawing of site proposal
Attachment 3: Fence Detail