

Request for a Fence Exemption to the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447 - 24 Totteridge Road

Date: February 20, 2026

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, West District

Ward 2: Etobicoke Centre

SUMMARY

This staff report concerns a matter for which the Etobicoke York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report responds to an application submitted by the property owner of 24 Totteridge Road, requesting approval for a site-specific Fence Exemption under Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447 – Fences, for a proposed pool fence located at 24 Totteridge Road within the Etobicoke York District.

The purpose of this report is to advise Community Council of an application submitted by the owner of 24 Totteridge Road requesting a site-specific Fence Exemption pursuant to Section 447-1.3.E.(2)(a)–(e) of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 447 – Fences. The owner is seeking approval to maintain an existing fence constructed of black composite material with steel posts, to be used as a pool fence enclosure along the north and east sides of the rear yard.

The proposed fence does not create any sightline obstruction.

Municipal Licensing and Standards Division staff have not issued a Notice of Violation for the property.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, West District recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Refuse to grant the application for exemption by the owner of 24 Totteridge Road because the fence fails to comply with the provisions of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447 Fences.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the City of Toronto.

DECISION HISTORY

There are no previous Fence Exemption decisions for this property

COMMENTS

Municipal Licensing and Standards staff inspected the subject property on February 17, 2026. No Notice of Violation was issued. The property owner submitted a Fence Exemption application on December 4, 2025.

Under City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 447-1.3.E.(2)(a)–(e), a pool enclosure must be constructed of durable, permitted materials, including wood fencing, metal picket fencing, glass panel systems, chain-link fencing, or masonry walls.

The existing fence is constructed of composite material with steel post components. Composite material is not a permitted material for pool enclosure construction under Chapter 447 and is not included among the acceptable materials listed in the Municipal Code. As such, it may not provide the structural resistance and safety characteristics intended by the bylaw.

Although the proposed fence may meet the height and mechanical safety requirements of Chapter 447, it does not comply with the material requirements. Accordingly, the proposed fence enclosure does not comply with City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 447.

The proposed fence enclosure contravenes Chapter 447-1.3.E.(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of the Municipal Code.

GENERAL LOCATION	SPECIFIC LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION and DEFICIENCY	BY-LAW SECTION and REQUIREMENT
Rear Yard	East and North Side	Existing black composite fence with steel posts, which does not comply with permitted pool enclosure materials.	Chapter 447-1.3.E. Section (2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Construction standards. Every fence and gate used in a swimming pool enclosure shall be constructed to the following standards: wood, chain-link, metal pickets, glass panels, and masonry

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: iView Map of Property – 24 Totteridge Road - City of Toronto.

Attachment B: North rear fence. Photograph taken by the Officer at 24 Totteridge Road.

Attachment C: East side fence. Photograph taken by the Officer at 24 Totteridge Road.

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Attachment F: Northeast view of fence. Photograph taken by the Officer at 24 Totteridge Road.

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Attachment J: Site plan for 24 Totteridge Road – City of Toronto.

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