

Request for a Fence Exemption to the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447 - 80 Pelmo Crescent

Date: April 13, 2026

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

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

Wards: 5 York South-Weston

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.

The report responds to an application submitted by the owner of 80 Pelmo Crescent seeking a site-specific exemption from the provisions of Chapter 447-1.2B (1) of the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447 – Fences.

The owner of 80 Pelmo Crescent is requesting permission to retain an existing wood fence located along the southeast rear side of the property. The fence exceeds the maximum height permitted under the Municipal Code. The owner has indicated that the requested exemption is intended to address privacy and safety concerns related to the use and enjoyment of the rear yard.

The property owner is seeking Community Council's permission to maintain an existing fence with the following components:

The existing fence is comprised of the following components:

Wood fence base: approximately 2.23 metres in height

Green lattice extension: approximately 1.21 metres in height

Total combined height: approximately 3.14 metres

There is no grade differential between the subject property and the adjacent 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 80 Pelmo Crescent 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 property 80 Pelmo Crescent on January 13, 2026, in response to a complaint received from a member of the public.

No Notice of Violation was issued at that time. The owner submitted a Fence Exemption application on February 2, 2026.

The existing fence is located along the southeast side of the rear yard and consists of a wood fence with a lattice extension. The combined height of the fence is approximately 3.14 metres.

The existing fence does not comply with the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447-1.2B (1), which regulates fence height. Specifically, the Municipal Code states:

B. Fence height.

(1) No fence described in the following Table shall, when measured at any point along its length from the average grade level measured perpendicular to and one metre away on either side of the fence, exceed the height set out in the Table for the fence.

The maximum permitted height for a fence at this location is 2.0 metres. The existing fence exceeds this limit by approximately 1.14 metres.

GENERAL LOCATION	SPECIFIC LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION and DEFICIENCY	BY-LAW SECTION and REQUIREMENT*
Rear	Southeast	Wood fence consisting of vertical boards with a lattice extension exceeding the maximum permitted height of 2.0 metres. The total fence height is approximately 3.14 metres.	Chapter 447-1.2B (1) A fence shall not exceed 2.0 metres in height.

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ATTACHMENTS

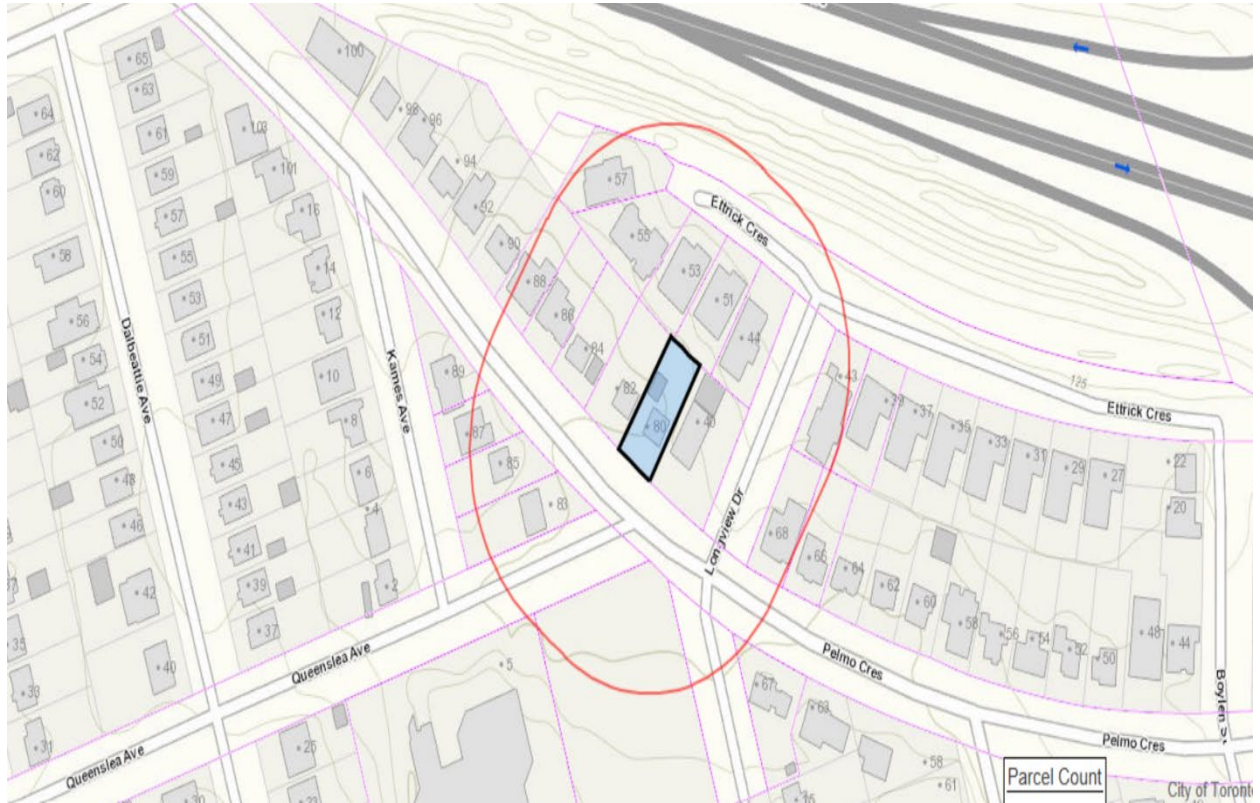
Attachment 1: iView Map of Property –80 Pelmo Crescent, City of Toronto.

Attachment 2: Rear Yard Fence (Southeast Elevation) – 80 Pelmo Crescent, City of Toronto.

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