

11 Lynwood Avenue - Application for Fence Exemption

Date: February 27th, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Central District Manager, Investigation Services, Municipal Licensing & Standards

Wards: Ward 12 – Toronto- St. Paul's

SUMMARY

The Applicant for 11 Lynwood Avenue has requested Toronto and East York Community Council to exempt their property from the following by-law requirements:
City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 447, Section 1.2.B(1) fence in rear yard not to exceed 2.0 metres in height

The Applicant for 11 Lynwood Avenue is requesting an exemption for their;

- Proposed rear yard fence to be constructed
- Rear Yard fencing/barrier: Height of 2.37 metres at a length of 7.8 metres
 - Constructed with steel posts and masonry concrete blocks
- Rear Yard Fence separating driveway from backyard: height of 2.37 metres at a length of 12.3 metres
 - Constructed with steel vertical members

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, South District recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council pursuant to City of Toronto Municipal Code Fences Chapter 447 1.2. Restrictions on fences; Height

1. Refuse to grant an exemption to Chapter 447, Fences, to the property owner of 11 Lynwood Avenue for the proposed fence described in the Summary of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the City of Toronto.

DECISION HISTORY

There are no previous fence exemption decisions at 11 Lynwood Avenue.

COMMENTS

Municipal Licensing and Standards Inspection Results:

The fence exemption application is a proposed fence and has not been constructed and inspected by Municipal Licensing and Standards.

GENERAL LOCATION	SPECIFIC LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION and DEFICIENCY	BY-LAW SECTION and REQUIREMENT*
Rear Yard	East side Fence	Fence height is proposed to be 2.37 metres which exceeds the 2 metres allowed in the bylaw.	Chapter 447 Section 1.2. B (1) – Restrictions on Fences; Height Maximum allowable height is 2 metres.
Rear Yard	West side Fence	Fence height is proposed to be 2.37 metres which exceeds the 2 metres allowed in the bylaw.	Chapter 447 Section 1.2. B (1) – Restrictions on Fences; Height Maximum allowable height is 2 metres.

City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447 Fences Bylaw set out the requirements in respect to the health, safety and well-being of persons in the City of Toronto regarding structures, including fences. Among other requirements, Chapter 447 sets out requirements for maximum fence heights depending on where the fence is located on the property, as well as if the fence is on a residential or non-residential property. There are also specific height maximums for hedges, shrubs and other vegetation that acts as a fence.

Item	Description of Fence	Fence on Single or Multiple residential property	Fence on non-residential property	Hedge, shrub, or other vegetation that acts as fence
1	Fence in a front yard; and within 2.4 metres of a lot line abutting a public highway (public highway does not include a public lane)	1.2 metres	1.2 metres	1.2 metres
2	Fence in a front yard; and not within 2.4 metres of a lot line abutting a public highway (public highway does not include a public lane)	2.0 metres	2.0 metres	No maximum
3	Fence not in a front yard; and within 2.4 metres of a side lot line abutting a public highway (public highway does not include a public lane); and within 2.4 metres of a driveway	2.0 metres	2.0 metres	2.0 metres
4	Fence not in a front yard; and between 2.4 metres from a side lot line abutting a public highway (public highway does not include a public lane) and the nearest wall of the main building extended to the rear lot line; and within 2.4 metres of a driveway	2.0 metres	2.5 metres	No maximum
5	Fence on an unroofed deck; and not in a front yard; and not within 2.4 metres of a lot line abutting a public highway (public highway does not include a public lane)	2.0 metres	2.0 metres	No maximum
6	Fence not in a front yard that also is not a fence under Items 3, 4 or 5 of this Table; and abutting a multiresidential property, a non-residential property, a public highway or a public walkway	2.5 metres	2.5 metres	No maximum

7	Fence abutting a rapid transit right of way	2.5 metres	No maximum	No maximum
8	Fence for a tennis court, a baseball diamond or other recreational facility	3.0 meters	No maximum	No maximum
9	Any other fence	2.0 metres	2.5 metres	No maximum

City Council Decisions

May 22, 23, & 24 2018, City Council adopted the following:

1. City Council amend Chapter 447, Fences, to allow fences that are located in a front yard between two private properties to be a maximum of 2.0 metres in height and specify that this does not apply to fences within a 2.4 metre distance from a front lot line.
2. City Council amend Chapter 447, Fences, to remove maximum height requirements for any hedge, shrub, or other vegetation that acts as a fence, except when the hedge, shrub, or vegetation is within a 2.4 metre distance from a lot line abutting a public highway, other than a public lane

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Geospatial Information System (GIS) – 11 Lynwood Avenue

Attachment 2: iView Map of Property – 11 Lynwood Avenue

Attachment 3: Overview of rear yard

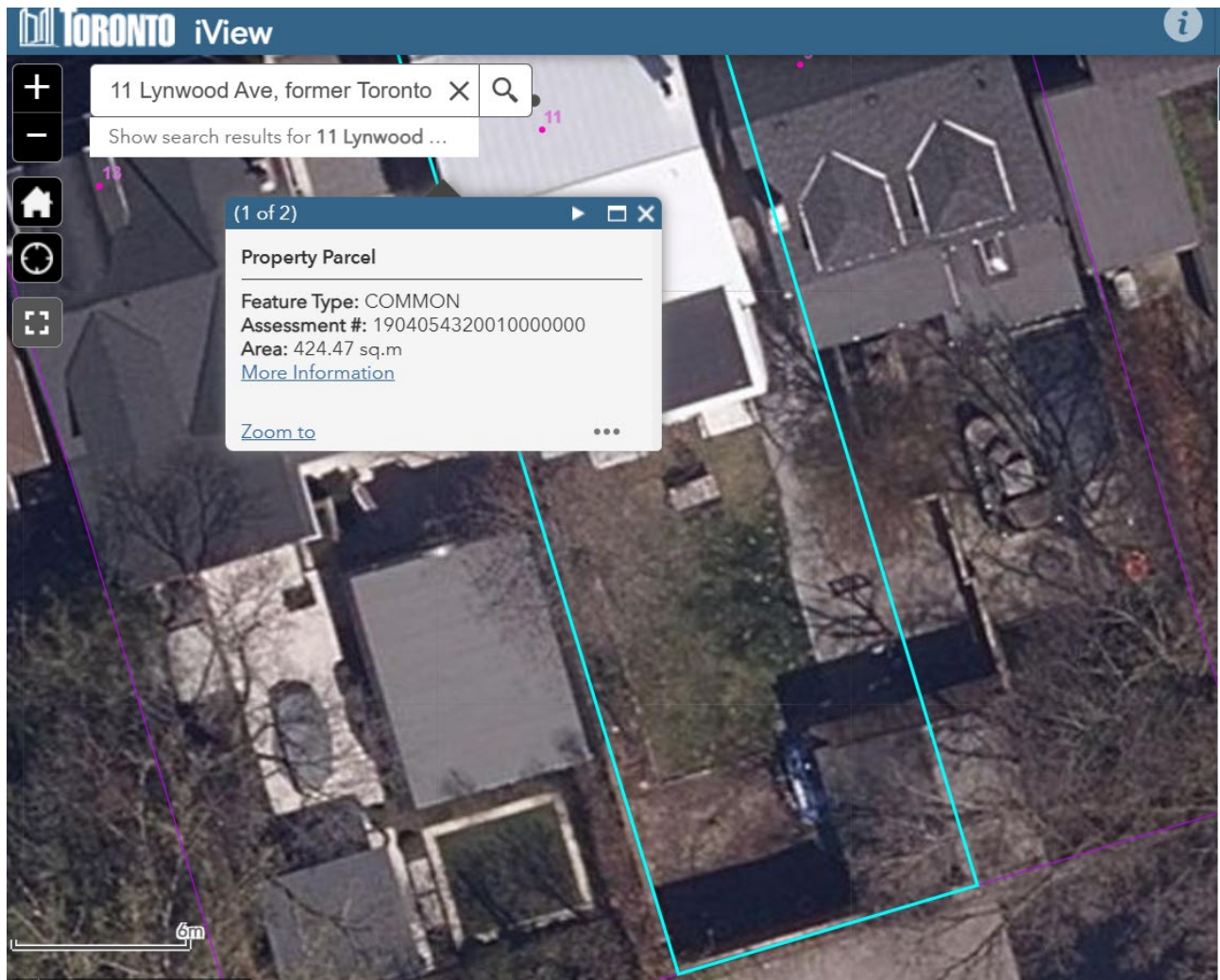
Attachment 4: East side yard fence

Attachment 5: West side yard fence

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Attachment #2: iView Map of Property – 11 Lynwood Avenue - City of Toronto.



Attachment # 3: Overview of rear yard



Attachment # 4: East side yard fence



Attachment # 5: West side yard fence

