

511 Church Street - Application for Fence Exemption

Date: June 4, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: Ward 13 - Toronto - Center

SUMMARY

The Applicant for 511 Church Street 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.A(3) No sheet metal or corrugated metal panels shall be used in any fence.

The Applicant for 511 Church Street is requesting an exemption for their;

- Existing fence
- Average height of 2 Meters
- Constructed with corrugated metal panels
- A gate is positioned at the center of the south side, facing the alleyway.

Municipal Licensing and Standards Division has inspected the subject property and issued a notice of violation of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 447 Section 1.2.A(3)

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Central District recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council pursuant to City of Toronto Municipal Code Fences Chapter 447 Section 1.2.A(3)

1. Refuse to grant an extension to Chapter 447, Fences, to the property owner of 511 Church Street, for the existing 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 on this 511 Church Street

COMMENTS

Municipal Licensing and Standards Inspection Results:

The existing fence violates the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447 – Fences requirements.

GENERAL LOCATION	SPECIFIC LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION and DEFICIENCY	BY-LAW SECTION and REQUIREMENT
Side Yard	Southern lot line	Existing Corrugated Metal Fence on Southern lot line fence height of 2.0 metres at a length of 20.73 metres	Chapter 447 Section 447 Section 1.2.A(3)
Rear Yard	Eastern lot line	Existing Corrugated Metal Fence on Eastern lot line fence height of 2.0 metres at a length of 9.14 metres	Chapter 447 Section 447 Section 1.2.A(3)

City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 447 Fences Bylaw set out the requirements for fence materials that must provide adequate barriers to ensure safety for all residents and users, including children and pets. Chapter 447 sets out requirements to prevent access to hazardous areas and to withstand environmental pressures, such as wind and snow, to prevent hazards associated with fence failure, emphasizing safety, durability, aesthetics, and compliance with regulations.

- Prohibited material - barbed wire, chicken wire, or any other barbed or sharp material, sheet metal and corrugated metal panels are not allowed, and fences cannot be used to conduct electricity, unless the fence is on agricultural land used for raising livestock.

- No vegetation shall be permitted to grow or object permitted to be placed in such a way as to obstruct the view through a fence under Chapter 447-1.2 C

- Any fence within 2.4 metres of any driveway shall be an open mesh chain-link fence or of an equivalent open-fence construction for at least 2.4 metres from the lot line at which the driveway begins so as not to obstruct the view of the boulevard or highway (Chapter 447-1.2 C)

- Any fence shall be an open mesh chain-link fence or of an equivalent open-fence construction anywhere it may otherwise restrict the sight lines of vehicular or pedestrian traffic in a parking lot/adjacent property

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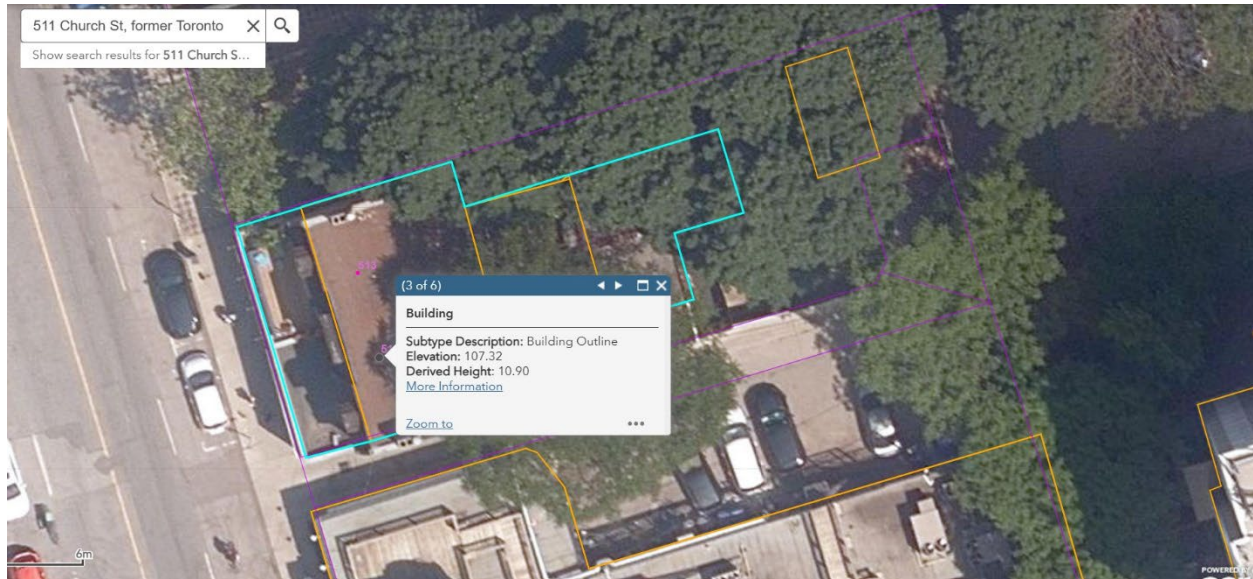
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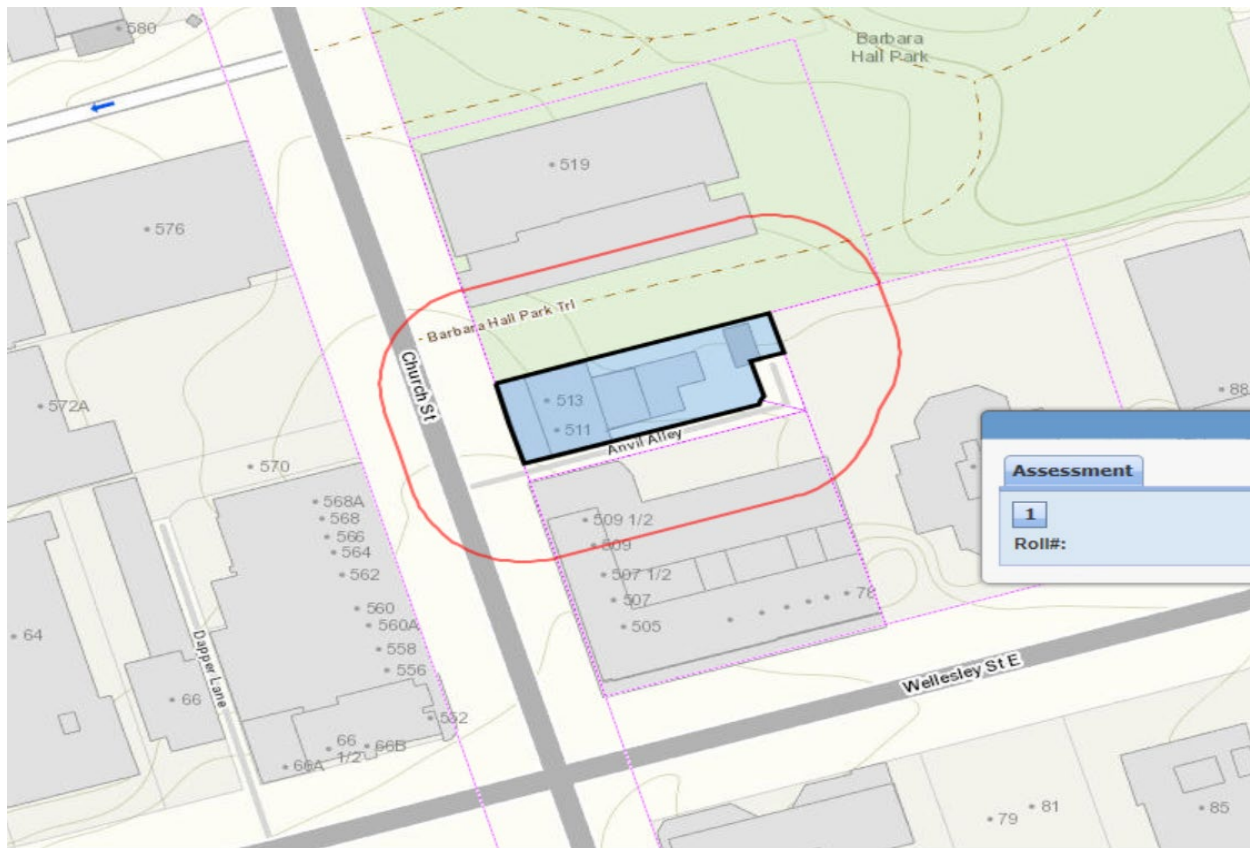
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1:	iView Map of Property – 511 Church Street - City of Toronto.
Attachment 2:	Geospatial Information System (GiS) – 511 Church Street
Attachment 3:	Overview of side yard/ Southern lot line
Attachment 4:	Overview of rear yard/ Eastern lot line
Attachment 5:	Rear fence – Eastern lot line – zoomed measurement confirmation

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Attachment 2: Geospatial Information System (GIS) – 511 Church Street



Attachment 3: Overview of side yard / Southern lot line



Attachment 4: Overview of rear yard / Eastern lot line



Attachment 5:
confirmation

Rear fence – Eastern lot line – zoomed measurement



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