

328 Glenholme Avenue - 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 09 – Davenport

SUMMARY

The Applicant for 328 Glenholme 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 328 Glenholme Avenue is requesting an exemption for their; Existing wooden fence in rear yard to remain:

- Rear fence – Eastern lot line 1st fence panel is a height of 2.72 metres
- Rear fence – Eastern lot line 2nd fence panel is a height of 2.14 metres
- Rear fence – Eastern lot line 3rd and 4th fence panel are a height of 2.04 metres
- Rear fence – Eastern lot line 5th fence panel is a height of 2.03 metres
- Rear fence – Southern lot line fence panels are a height of 2.03 metres
- Rear fence – Western lot line fence panels is a height of 2.03 metres

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.B(1) fence in rear yard not to exceed 2.0 metres in height

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.B(1) fence in rear yard not to exceed 2.0 metres in height

1. Refuse to grant an exemption to Chapter 447, Fences, to the property owner of 328 Glenholme Avenue 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 328 Glenholme Avenue

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*
Rear Yard	Rear fence – Eastern, Western and Southern lot line	Rear yard fence heights currently are as follows: along the eastern lot line, the 1st fence panel is 2.72 metres high, the 2nd fence panel is 2.14 metres high, the 3rd and 4th fence panels are each 2.04 metres high, and the 5th fence panel is 2.03 metres high; the fence panels along the southern lot line are 2.03 metres high, and the fence panels along the western lot line are also 2.03 metres high. metres which all sections 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.
Front Yard	Front fence – Northern lot line	Fence height is currently 2 meters in height and located within 2.4 meters of lot line exceeding the 1.2 meters allowed in the bylaw.	Chapter 447 Section 1.2. B (1) – Restrictions on Fences; Height Maximum allowable

			height is 1.2 metres.
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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	2.5 metres	2.5 metres	No maximum

	multiresidential property, a non-residential property, a public highway or a public walkway			
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, and 24 2018, City Council adopted the following:

1. City Council amend Chapter 447, Fences, to allow fences that are located in a rear 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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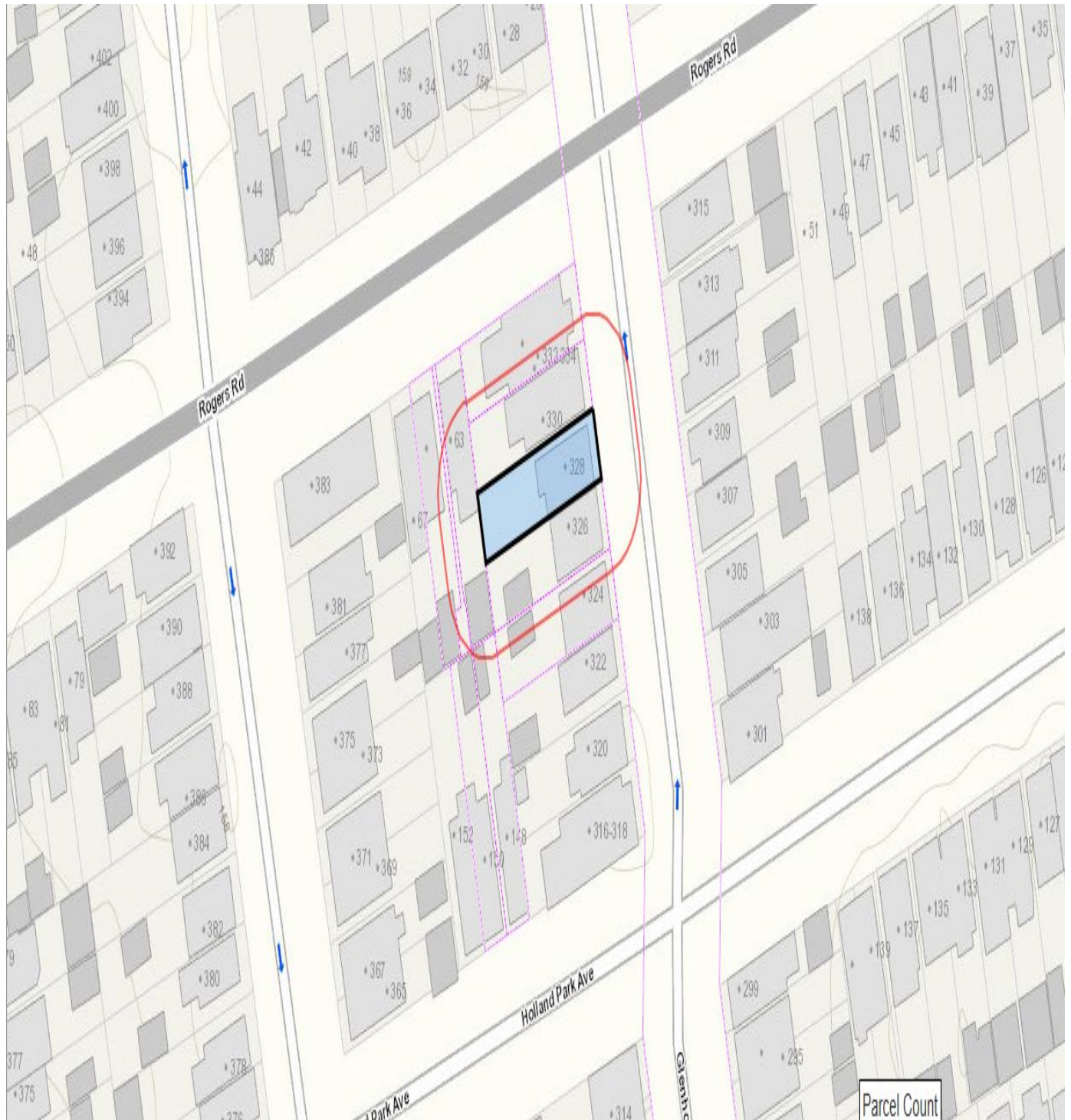
ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: iView Map of Property – 328 Glenholme Avenue - City of Toronto
- Attachment 2: Geospatial Information System (GiS) – 328 Glenholme Avenue
- Attachment 3: Overview of rear yard
- Attachment 4: Rear fence post – Northern lot line first panel post from rear deck
- Attachment 5: Rear fence – Overview of rear yard- Eastern property line 1st fence panel
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- Attachment 13: Overview of rear yard- Southern property line fence panel
- Attachment 14: Rear yard- Southern property line fence panel zoomed measurement
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- Attachment 16: Rear yard- Western property line fence panel zoomed measurement

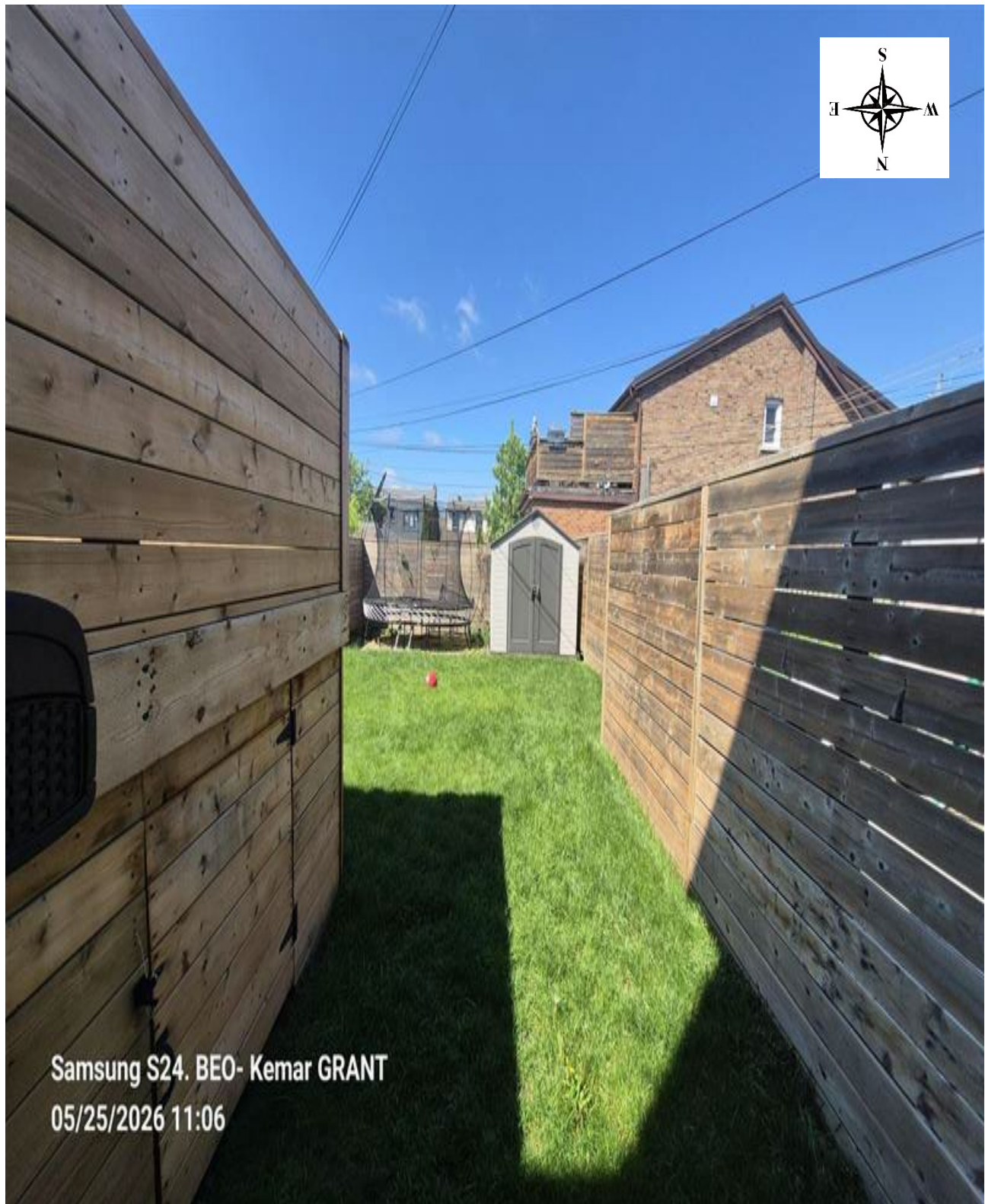
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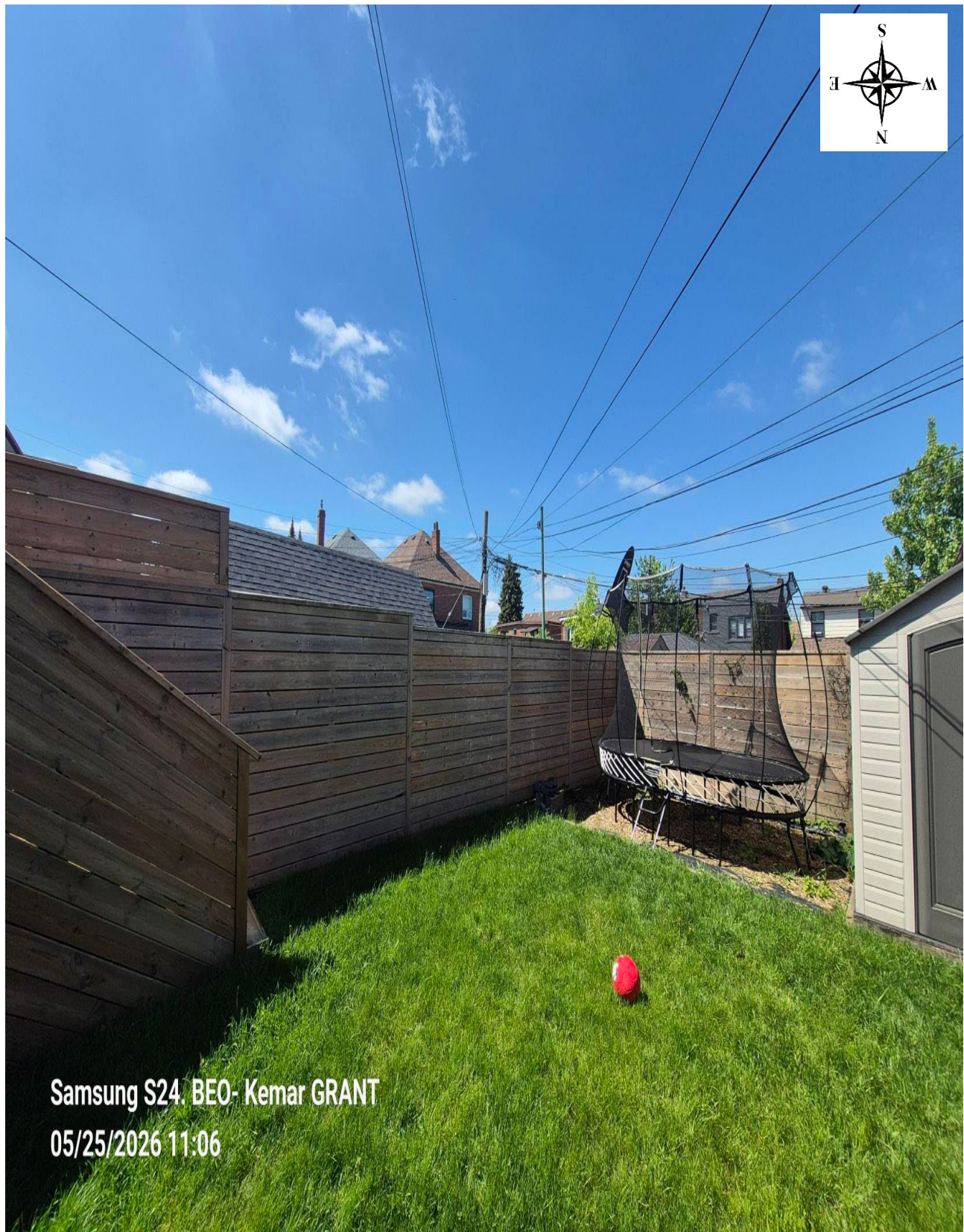
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Attachment 3: Overview of rear yard



Attachment 4: Rear fence post – Northern lot line first panel post from rear deck



Attachment 5: Rear fence – Overview of rear yard- Eastern property line 1st fence panel



Attachment 6: Rear fence – Second panel Northern lot line zoomed measurement confirmation



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Attachment 9: Overview of rear yard- Eastern property line 3rd and 4th fence panel



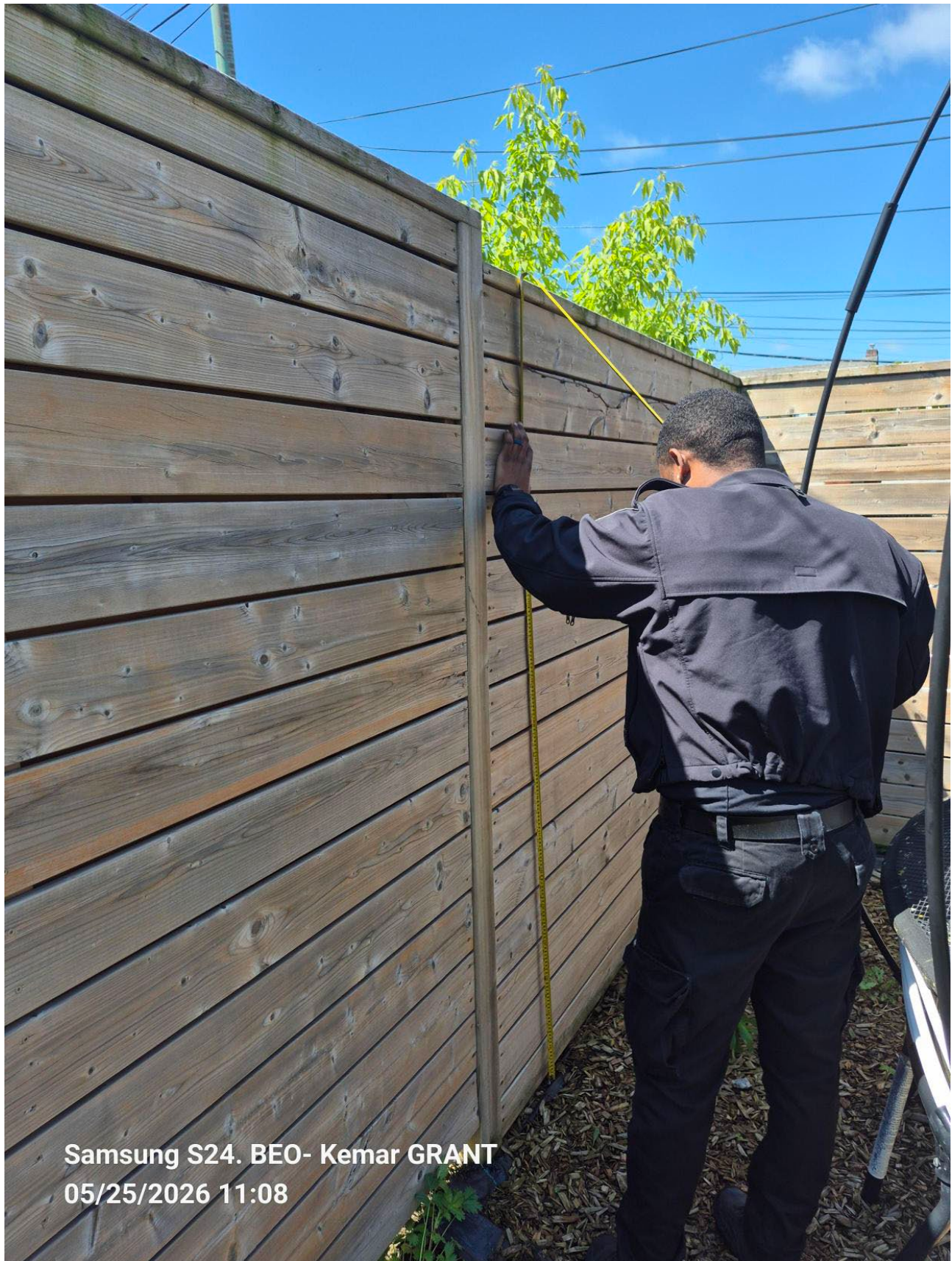
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Attachment 10: Rear yard- Eastern property line 3rd and 4th fence panel zoomed measurmeant



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Attachment 11: Overview of rear yard- Eastern property line 5th fence panel

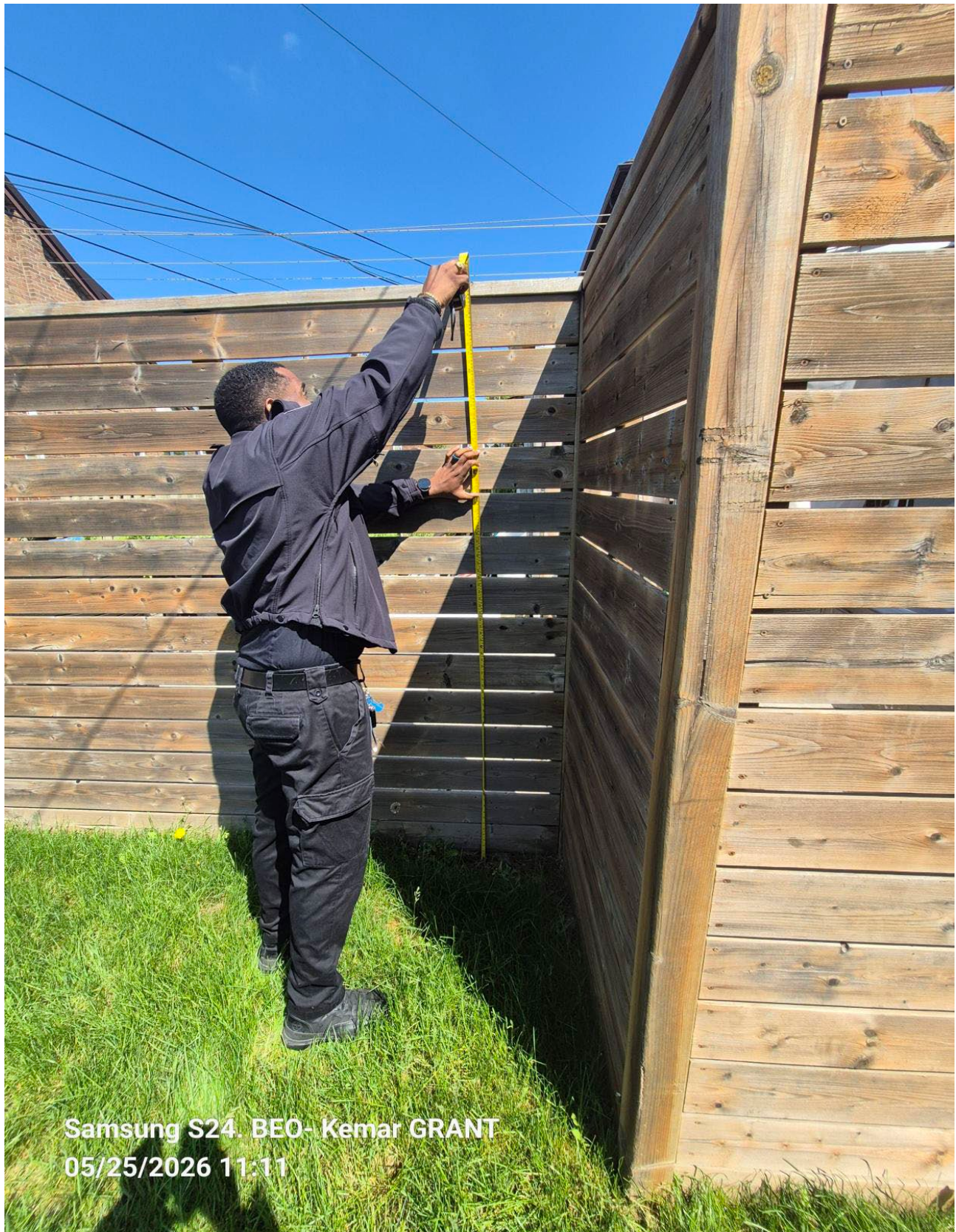


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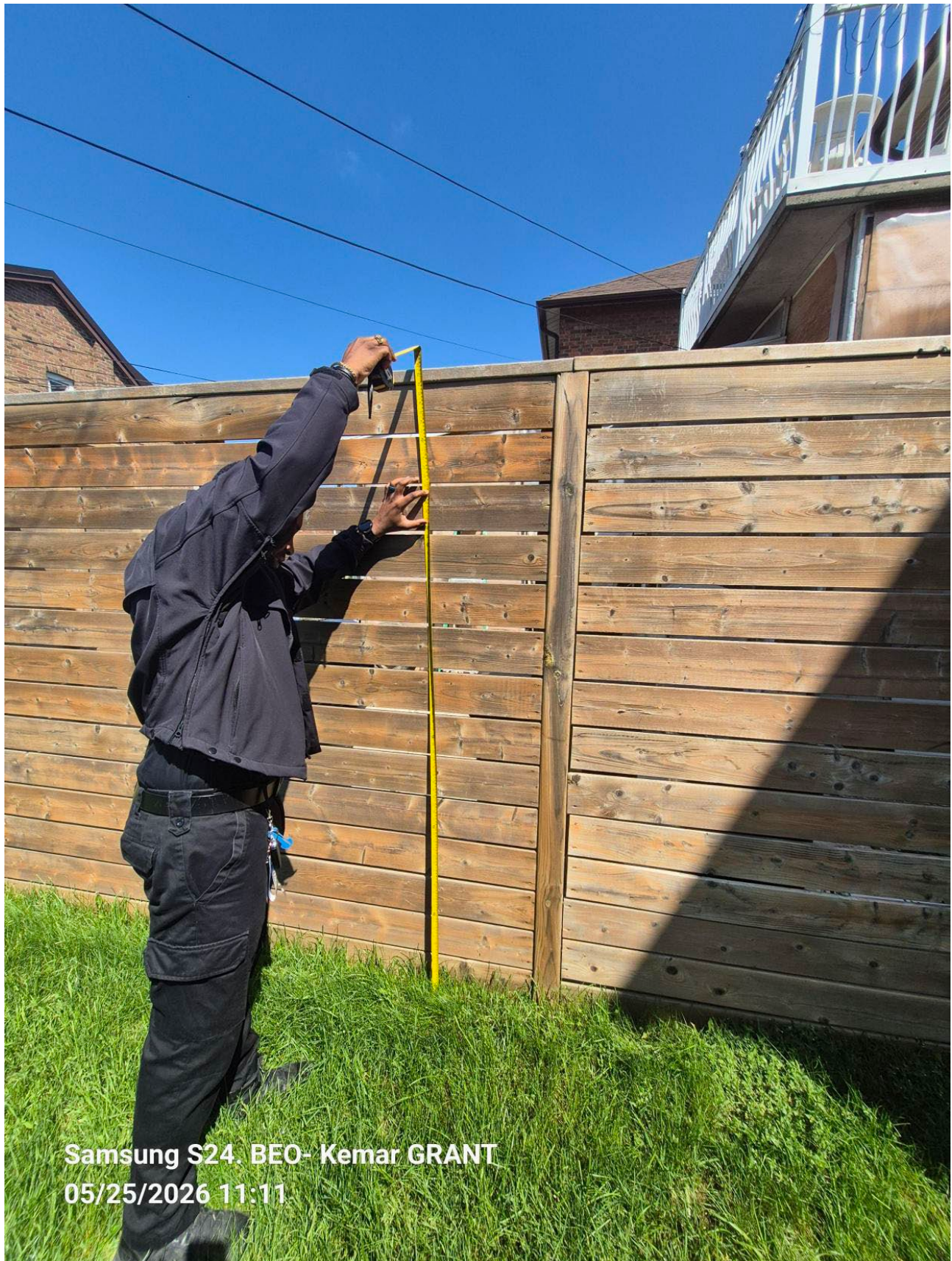
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Attachment 15: Overview of rear yard- Western property line fence panel



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