



# Town of Whitby

## By-law # 8000-23

### Amendment to Property Standards By-law # 6874-14

Being a By-law to amend the Property Standards By-law # 6874-14, as amended.

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby deems it necessary to amend the Property Standard By-law to revise the definition of a hedge and the maximum hedge heights provisions.

Now therefore, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby hereby enacts as follows:

#### 1. Definitions

- 1.1. That Subsection 1.27 of the Property Standards By-law # 6874-14, as amended, be repealed and replaced with the following:

“hedge” means a line of three (3) or more closely planted bushes or shrubs planted in a manner that creates a significant barrier to light without the existence of large gaps but shall not include living walls identified by the Town as acoustic barriers or trees which are closely planted and have not been sheared.

- 1.2. That Subsection 4.1.3. and 4.1.4. of the Property Standards By-law # 6874-14, as amended, be repealed and replaced with the following:

4.1.3. a hedge, located in a front yard in excess of one (1) metre in height, which is equivalent to three feet three inches (3'3”), except where a rear yard or an exterior side yard of a property abuts the front yard of another property the maximum hedge height shall be 3.0 metres, which is equivalent to nine feet nine inches (9'9”) unless the property owner has provided a report from a Certified Arborist, to the Property Standards Officer's satisfaction, that identifies that affected hedge cannot survive the trimming or pruning necessary to bring it into conformity with this section;

4.1.4. a hedge, in a side yard or rear yard in excess of 3.0 metres in height, which is equivalent to nine feet nine inches (9'9”), unless the property owner has provided a report from a Certified Arborist, to the Property Standards Officer's satisfaction, that identifies that affected hedge cannot survive the trimming or pruning necessary to bring it into conformity with this section;

#### 2. Effective Date

- 2.1. This by-law shall come into full force and effect on the day it is passed.

By-law read and passed this 19th day of June, 2023.

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Elizabeth Roy, Mayor

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Christopher Harris, Town Clerk