

SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND PONDS

1. A permit application must be completed and brought in with a current copy of the Plat of Survey, indicating all permanent structures on the property and the location and size of the requested pool. Permits are required for all pools over 24" deep.
 - Surveys must show the pool a minimum of five (5') from rear and side property lines, ten feet (10') horizontal distance from any overhead wires and the location of the required four-foot (4') minimum height fence. (See below for additional fence requirements.) Pools may not be located on easements or in a required front or side yard.
 - Pool capacity, pump capacity and turnover rate, and filter type must be shown on the permit application.
2. Detailed construction drawings are required for in-ground pools. These drawings can be obtained from the pool company.
3. A copy of the literature pertaining to the pool, pump, filter, and accessories must be submitted, including UL tested approval and the manufacturer's installation instructions.
4. All pumps and filter equipment must be wired direct to Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter. A licensed electrical contractor must do the electrical work.
5. A backflow prevention device (anti-siphon device) must be permanently installed on sillcocks or any device which supplies water to the pool.
6. A four-foot (4') high fence is required around inground pools. It must latch and have self-closing gates with locking capabilities at all openings. An above ground pool requires a minimum four-foot (4') high fence or a raised deck or fence of a least four feet (4') in total height and an access ladder that folds up and locks in position. The top of the fence must be four feet (4') above any standing surface, including stairs. Pool area must be secured from access while unattended.
7. An approved lockable lid satisfies the enclosure requirements for a spa.
8. Any and all required excavations must be noted on drawings and all soils from the excavation(s) shall be hauled to an approved dumpsite. If the pool or spa is to be installed on a concrete pad, the concrete must be a minimum of 4" thick with a 4" gravel base (minimum).
9. Where a wall of a dwelling unit serves as part of the barrier and contains a door that provides direct access to the pool area.
 - All doors with direct access to the pool area through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm, which produces an audible warning when the door or its screen, if present, is opened.

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Be advised that the above mentioned are guidelines. Each permit is treated individually, and certain other requirements may apply. Once the above-mentioned information is submitted, the correct determination can be made. Must call for all required inspections.

Any exceptions to the above may require a variation.