

REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT

1. Provide a site sketch that accurately illustrates property lines, proposed pool or fence location, and any easements and existing structures.
2. Complete and submit a permit application with site drawing. (Permit applications can be obtained on-line or at the Community Development Department at City Hall).
3. Stake where the pool / fence is located on your property.
4. Schedule a site inspection with the Community Development Dept.

NOTE: A permit cannot be issued until all adopted codes have been conformed with and an appropriate site drawing, site inspection and permit application have been approved.



*For information on above-ground
pools permanently installed or
in-ground pools,
Please contact.....*



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SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS



Permits may be required
For your new pool

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The main concerns with installing an above-ground swimming pool are Safety and Location, along with necessary permits.

Below we have listed the requirements necessary for installing an above-ground swimming pool.

PERMITS:

- If the pool is two (2) feet deep but less than four (4) feet, a swimming pool permit is not required.
- However a fence is required that is four (4) feet in height is required to provide safety for children too small to know the danger of drawing. The fence gate must be self-closing and self latching. A fence permit must be obtained.
- If your pool is four (4) feet deep, a lockable or removable ladder may be used as the protection barrier that a fence would have provided.



LOCATION:

- Electric overhead lines shall not be within ten (10) feet of the pool and the pool may not be placed over any buried electric lines.

- Swimming pools must also meet setback requirements, which means five (5) feet from property lines and not placed over any easements.
- Pools can be placed next to a deck. However, the door from the home going onto the deck has to be alarmed.



Don't forget to contact your insurance carrier for any requirements they might have concerning swimming pools or hot tubs.

Please contact our office for additional Information and permit application before setting up your pool

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SAFETY TIPS:

1. Never dive into above-ground pools, there are too shallow.
2. Fences and walls should be at least four (4) feet high and installed completely around the pool. Fence gates should be self-closing and self-latching. The latch should be out of a small child's reach. Gates should open outward.
3. If your house forms one side of the barrier to the pool, then doors leading from the house to the pool should be protected with alarms that produce a sound when a door is unexpectedly opened.
4. For above-ground pools, steps and ladders to the pool should be secured and locked or removed with the pool is not in use.
5. If a child is missing, always look in the pool first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability.
6. Keep rescue equipment by the pool and be sure a portable phone is poolside with emergency numbers posted. Knowing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can be a lifesaver.

Parents and guardians: Only you can prevent a drowning. Watch your child closely at all times. Make sure doors leading to the pool area are closed and locked. Young children can quickly slip away and into the pool.