



SWIMMING POOLS

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City Ordinance Section 19-1401, define a **swimming pool** as a structure, basin chamber or tank containing an artificial body of water for swimming, diving or recreational bathing and having a depth of more than 24 inches and a surface area exceeding 150 square feet.

A **building permit** is required for pools, except when completely above grade, less than 24 inches high **and** less than a 5,000 gallon capacity. A site plan showing the location of the pool and the required fencing must be submitted.

Note: Seasonal pools that are removed and not in use from September 30th thru May 1st are exempt from setback requirements. However, a one-time permit is required and the pool must be placed in the same location each year.

When filling or servicing the pool, proper procedures should be followed to prevent a cross-connection and possible contamination of City water. **Pools cannot drain directly into the storm sewer system.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Minimum setbacks are required from the edge of the pool to:

Overhead wires – 10 feet
Side lot lines – 3 feet

Rear Lot line – 5 feet
Other Structures – 6 feet

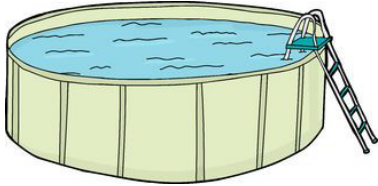
A ten-foot clearance *must* be maintained from overhead electrical.

A minimum four foot high fence, with a self-closing latch is required around the yard or pool.

POOL FENCING REQUIREMENTS

City Ordinance Section 19-1402, requires all outdoor swimming pools be completely enclosed by a fence or wall at least four feet high and located at least four feet from the edge of the swimming pool on at least half the perimeter. All points of entry must be equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates places at the top of the gate, inaccessible to small children. Any openings between the fence bottom and the ground cannot exceed four inches.

EXCEPTION: All above-ground outdoor swimming pools that have a minimum four feet high, vertical or outward-inclined sidewalls; provided sole access is by means of removable ladder, ramp or stairs, which must be removed when pool is not attended.



ABANDONED POOL REQUIREMENTS

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No longer want that pool in your backyard? Here's what you need to do to properly abandon and fill the unused pool site:

- Remove all electrical and plumbing connected to the pool.
- Break up bottom of the pool for proper drainage.
- Use clean fill only to fill in the hole. Broken up concrete is okay. *No foreign objects, rubber, galvanized aluminum, plastic, brush or debris should be buried in the ground. These materials should be hauled away, off site.*
- There should be a depth of at least 12 inches of clean fill at ground level. Seed and/or sod over the area.
- A permit is required. When you are finished, call (763) 569-3330 for an inspection