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SWIMMING POOL STANDARDS

A Building Permit is required for the construction, alteration, addition, remodeling or other improvement to a swimming pool. A "Swimming Pool" is any constructed or pre-fabricated receptacle used for swimming or bathing which has a minimum depth of eighteen inches (18") or more and is located in a residential zoning district. "Pool Depth" shall mean the distance between the floor of the swimming pool and the maximum operating water level. An "above ground swimming pool" shall mean a swimming pool installed on the surface of the ground and without excavation.

To Obtain A Building Permit for a Swimming Pool:

- Submit the plans and specifications of the manufacturer or builder.
- A plot plan showing setbacks, side yards and clearance from existing structures adjacent to the pool area shall be submitted. (Plot Plan forms are available from the Building Division.)
- The permit fee is based upon the valuation of the swimming pool project according to the fee schedule set out in the Uniform Building Code.
- Design Requirements: The material used for lining swimming pools shall be one which is light in color, is impervious and will provide a tight tank with smooth and easily cleaned surfaces. Sand or dirt bottoms are prohibited.
- Plumbing: All cross connections between the city water supply or the sewer system and the plumbing of a swimming pools shall be constructed in accordance with the City Plumbing Code.
- Electrical: All electrical installations shall comply with the City Electrical Code.
- All under ground swimming pools must be completely enclosed (See below).
- All above ground swimming pools, with *any portion* of the sides less than four (4') feet in height above the surface of the ground, must be completely enclosed. Walls of above ground swimming pools shall be non-climbable and sufficiently strong.
- Enclosure requirements:
 - ⌘ No less than four (4') feet in height.
 - ⌘ At least four (4') feet from each side of the pool.
 - ⌘ Non-climbable material.
 - ⌘ Sufficiently strong and of such design as to make the pool inaccessible to small children.
 - ⌘ No more than ten (10') feet between fence posts.
 - ⌘ Gates and doors opening to the swimming pool shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device with locking provisions for keeping gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use.
 - ⌘ All ladders or step apparatus used for access to any above ground swimming pool shall be removed when the pool is not in actual use.
- Setback Requirements:
 - ⌘ Must maintain same front yard setback minimum as identified in zoning ordinance.
 - ⌘ Must be located at least four (4') feet from the house.
 - ⌘ Must be at least three (3') feet from any side or rear property line. If enclosure is required, shall be a minimum of four (4') feet from enclosure.

For further information or if you have questions call the Building Division at 792-6622.