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SWIMMING POOLS

This handout is for REFERENCE ONLY. For more details see specific code sections.

Subdivision covenants or homeowner's associations may either prohibit or have more restrictive requirements than Village ordinances. Please verify and submit approval letter from developer or homeowner's association along with your building permit application (if applicable)

A swimming pool requiring a BUILDING PERMIT is defined as any structure that contains water over 24 inches deep AND has a capacity of over 1,000 gallons.

POOL REQUIREMENTS

1. Pools must be at least 5' off of the property line.
2. Inflatable/portable (temporary – when unattended) AND permanent pools shall be completely enclosed with a minimum four foot (4') barrier. Appropriate barrier shall include pool walls if at least 4' in height, a fence around the top of the pool, or a minimum 4' high fence in the yard. A solid or privacy fence is permitted on property line, in rear yard, where a permanent pool is present. If pool does not have an attached railing with a self-closing and self-locking gate, and yard is not currently fenced in, you will also need a fence with a self-closing and locking gate.
3. All pool wiring shall conform to Article 680 of the 2014 National Electric Code.
4. NO pool shall be located underneath overhead electrical wiring.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

1. Existing grade should not be altered. Excavated spoils will need to be removed from site.
2. Extreme care is to be taken to protect the existing utilities, pavement, curbs, sidewalks. Pavement, curb and sidewalk should be ramped or planked to avoid damage. Any damage done to Village property will be the responsibility of the homeowner to replace or repair.

TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT

1. Complete permit application.
2. Submit a copy of the plat of survey showing the proposed pool location.
3. Provide a copy of contractor's proposal or homeowner's proposal showing pool specifications, type of barrier, etc. Contractor MUST have a current license on file with the Village.
4. Contact J.U.L.I.E. (Utility Location Service) at 811 to locate underground utilities and to obtain dig number.
5. Submit approval letter from developer or homeowner's association, when applicable.

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

The permit holder is responsible for scheduling inspections. Inspections required are: 1) Underground piping from the house to the pool must be inspected prior to backfilling. 2) Final inspection. 4' BARRIER REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE FILLING THE POOL WITH WATER. DO NOT SWIM IN POOL UNTIL FINAL INSPECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED!

(The inspector's checklist is attached.)

To schedule inspections, please call SafeBuilt at 1-815-255-9047. Please have your permit number available.

HOMEOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE TO FOLLOW ALL CODES AND ORDINANCES.