

Swimming Pool & Hot Tub Information Handout

Permit Requirements

A permit is required if the pool or hot tub is over 24 inches in depth, and exceeds 5,000 gallons. Any private outdoor residential pools, both above ground and below ground, and hot tubs containing more than 3,000 gallons or with a depth of water over three and one half (3 ½) feet shall meet all requirements on this information sheet as applicable.

Setback Requirements

Private outdoor residential pools, both above ground and below ground, and hot tubs are permitted as an accessory use within the rear yard or no required side yard; except that, for multiple-family developments, the Planning Commission may determine the location of the pool or tub.

There shall be a distance of not less than ten feet between the adjoining property line and the outside of the pool or hot tub wall for aboveground pools and hot tubs.

There shall be a distance of not less than five feet between the adjoining property line and the outside of the pool or hot tub wall for in-ground pools and hot tubs.

There shall be a distance of not less than four feet between the outside pool or hot tub wall and any building located on the same lot.

No swimming pool or hot tub shall be located less than ten feet from any side street or alley right-of-way, or the distance required for side yard by the Zoning Code, whichever is greater.

All accessory mechanical apparatus shall be located at least 30 feet from any neighboring habitable residential structure and no closer than five feet to any lot line.

No pools or hot tubs shall be located in a public easement.

No pool or hot tub shall be located beneath overhead electrical lines or over underground utility lines of any type.

Fencing Requirements

A non-climbable security fence of at least four feet in height shall completely enclose the pool area. The gates shall be of a self-closing and self-latching type, with the latch on the inside of the gate, not readily available for children to open. Gates shall be capable of being securely locked when the pool is not in use. Above ground pools exceeding three and one half feet in height may provide a removable ladder in lieu of these fencing requirements.

Hot tubs shall be secured either by the same fencing requirements for a swimming pool, or shall have a cover which shall be locked when the hot tub is not in use.

Lighting

Lighting for the pool or hot tub shall be oriented so as not to cast light onto adjacent properties.