



## Swimming Pool Guide

The following information was compiled as a guide for residents who wish to construct a private pool. In order to obtain a permit two sets of plans must be submitted for review. The plans are not required to be of architectural quality, but must provide enough information to determine that all construction will be built to minimum code standards. *The drawings must include the following information:*

- Manufacturers make, model, and type if pre-manufactured
- Reinforcing steel placement, steel diameter, and steel specifications (bonding locations)
- Location, types of material, and height of access barriers
- Circulation equipment and location
- Drainage system
- Audible warning system if utilized
- Cross sectional view of the pool illustrating wall slope, floor slope, and depth
- Diving board system

- A completed plot plan including a north arrow, property lines and all known utility easements. (sewer lateral), site drainage, locations and specifications of decking, pool stairs, steps, ladders, handrails, seats, lighting, circulation equipment, and any future equipment, dimensions, and all existing structures on the same property.

Typically, the more detailed a plan is, the faster we can issue a permit with little or no delay. The following is a list of common code requirements to keep in mind while drawing your plans.

- All construction must meet or exceed the requirements of the 1999 BOCA National Building Code and the 1999 National Electrical Code.
- They cannot be located in an easement. Minimum setback requirements for in-ground pools are determined by the zoning of the property.
- A GFCI receptacle providing power for the pump motor shall be permitted between 5 and 10 feet from the inside wall of the pool. This must be a single receptacle of the locking and grounding type, with a weatherproof in-use cover.
- On a permanently installed pool, provide at least one 125 volt 15 or 20 amp receptacle on a general-purpose branch circuit a minimum of 10 feet and no more than 20 feet from the inside wall of the pool. This receptacle shall not be located more than 6 feet 6 inches above the floor, platform, or grade level serving the pool. All receptacles within 20 feet of the pool are to be GFCI protected.
- In a private pool the minimum turn over rate for the circulation equipment shall be once

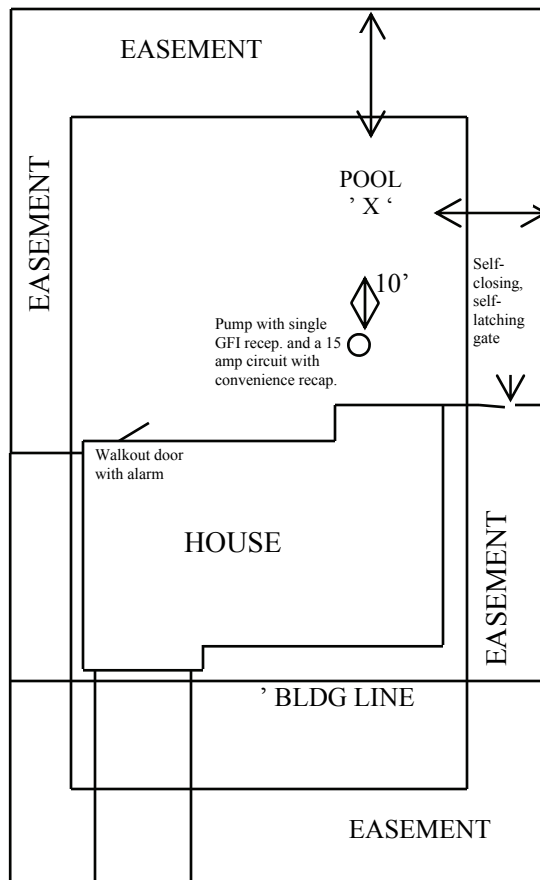
every twelve hours.

- All metallic parts within 5 feet of the pool, i.e. handrails, lights, ladders, pool frame are to be bonded to a common bonding grid with a solid copper conductor not smaller than #8.
- Overhead electrical lines must not be located above the pool and the area extending 10 feet horizontally from the inside walls of the pool. Underground wiring must not be located under the pool or within the area of 5 feet from the inside of the pool wall.
- All pools are required to have a barrier/fence of at least 48 inches in height, measured from finished grade. If the fence is a scalloped style the lowest point of the scallop must be at least 48". The maximum vertical clearance between finish grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches.
- If the residence is going to serve as part of this barrier, then **one** of the three following options must be installed. **1.** Any door from the residence with direct access to the pool must be equipped with an approved alarm. **2.** All doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be self-closing and latching with the latch located a minimum of 54 inches above the floor space. **3.** The pool shall be equipped with an approved power safety cover.
- Openings shall be a maximum of 4 inches, however if the barrier is constructed of vertical and horizontal members and the distance between the horizontal members is less than 45 inches, then the spacing between the vertical members shall not exceed 1 3/4 inches.



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- All gates must swing out away from the pool and be self-closing and latching and be equipped to accommodate a locking device. Where the latch release is located less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate then it must be located on the pool side of the gate at least 3 inches below the top of the gate and the gate and barrier shall not have an opening greater than 1/2 inch within 18 inches of the latch release.
- Pools may not be closer than 15 feet to rear and side lot lines. And not within easements.

The preceding information is meant to be a helpful guide and applies to most simple residential pools. However, it does not include all of the requirements that may apply. The plan reviewer may determine that unusual circumstances dictate the need for additional information. In order to help you with your design a sample plan is included.

*Inspections must be called in 24 hours in advance.*  
Follow these steps for inspection scheduling.

1. Schedule a footing/hole inspection (to verify location/rebar bonding and soil conditions) once yard is leveled at pool location.
2. If you are installing an in-ground pool schedule a rough plumbing, bonding, and ground electric inspection. (Prior to any concrete being poured)
3. Schedule a final inspection when the project is complete.

If you have any questions please contact the Building Department at 994-0646 or 994-3200.

