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RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS

Regulations for all swimming pools, hot tubs, spas, etc. containing water over 24 inches deep, are as follows:

- 1) A building permit is required for both an in-ground and above-ground swimming pool.
- 2) Every “in-ground” swimming pool shall be enclosed by a fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate or wall not less than four feet high. In-ground shall be defined to mean a pool requiring excavation of more than 12 inches of existing grade.
- 3) Above ground swimming pools are required to be fenced if sidewalls are less than 48” in height. If sidewalls are 48” high or more, a removable ladder is required to access the swimming pool.
- 4) Temporary fencing must be provided during installation if yard is not fenced.
- 5) Provide a minimum of 36 inches of unobstructed area around the pool for rescue.
- 6) In-ground or above ground pools are allowed in side yard or rear yard only and shall not be located forward of what is considered the front of the dwelling.
- 7) Provide the following minimum setbacks:
 - a. 20 feet from the water supply well (in-ground more than 4 feet deep).
 - b. 20 feet from the drainfield.
 - c. 10 feet from the septic tank
 - d. 10 feet from basement of house.
 - e. 5 feet from structures without basements.
 - f. 10 feet from side and rear lot lines. 30 feet from street side lot line.
 - g. Pools cannot encroach onto easements.
- 8) Provide a vacuum breaker on any water connection used to fill pool.
- 9)
 - a. Pool must not be located within 10 feet of any overhead power lines.
 - b. Provide 22 feet of clearance (vertically) from water level of pool; diving structures, observation stands, etc., to any overhead power lines.
- 10) Electrical permits are required for extensions of circuits or new circuits serving swimming pool equipment. Electrical Permits are issued through the State of Minnesota. For more information on electrical requirements, please contact your local Electrical Inspector at 763-421-2360 between the hours of 7am and 8:30 am Monday through Friday or at www.slothinspections.com