



City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota

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Swimming Pool Information

The purpose of this handout is to provide a reasonable degree of safety for owners, users, and others who may have occasion to be on the premises where swimming pools are located; and further to provide reasonable regulations so that the use and enjoyment of nearby properties will not be subjected to noise, lighting, or other nuisances that may result from swimming pool use and activities

Every swimming pool must be constructed in accordance to the requirements set forth in this handout. Section 29.02 of the Municipal Code sets the requirements for swimming pools as follows:

1. Permit Required:

Section 29.21 states that a permit is required for any swimming pool with a capacity of more than 500 gallons or more than two (2) feet in depth.

2. Application Must Show:

All building permit applications for a swimming pool must indicate the following:

- a. Type and size of pool.
- b. Site Plan.
- c. Location of Pool.
- d. Location of existing house, garage, fencing and other features on the lot.
- e. Location of structures on all adjacent lots.
- f. Location of filter unit, pump and wiring (involving type).
- g. Location of back-flush and drainage outlet.
- h. Grading Plans, finished elevations, and final treatment (decking, landscaping, etc.), around pool for in-ground pools only.
- i. Location of existing overhead and underground wiring, utility easements, tress and similar features.

3. Pool Location on Single Family Property:

- a. Cannot be location within ten (10) feet of any side or rear property line, nor within six (6) feet of any building that has a foundation and frost footings.
- b. Pools are not allowed within any front yard area,
- c. Pools cannot be located beneath overhead utility lines or underground utility lines of any type.
- d. Pools cannot be located within any private or public utility, walkway, drainage, or any other easement.

4. Pool Construction Requirements:

- a. Avoid damage, hazards or inconvenience to adjacent or nearby property.
- b. Assure that proper care is taken when stock piling excavated material to avoid erosion, dust or other infringement onto adjacent properties.
- c. To the extent feasible, back flush water from pool drainage onto owner's property or into approved public drainage ways. Water cannot drain onto adjacent or nearby private land.
- d. The filter unit, pump, heating unit, and any other noise making mechanical equipment must be located at least 30 feet from any adjacent residential property line or structure or closer than 10 feet to any property line when enclosed in a sound resistive enclosure. In all cases, noise shall not exceed minimum standards as set forth in Chapter 29.142 of the Municipal Code.
- e. Lighting for any pool shall be directed into or onto the pool itself,

and not onto any adjacent properties.

- f. A safety fence of at least four (4) feet in height shall completely enclose the newly constructed pool. All openings or points of entry into the pool area must be equipped with gates or doors. All gates in the fences must have a lockable latch that is no less than 3 ½ feet from the ground, and must be placed in a manner so as to be inaccessible to small children. All gates must be locked when the pool is not in use or is unattended. Any opening between the fence bottom and the ground cannot exceed 2 inches. All fences must be constructed of either vertical board, alternating board (board on board), or approved chain link. The materials used in the construction of the fence must be sufficient strength to withstand normal use and weather conditions. Vertical board fences cannot have more than 1-inch space between boards on the same side. Alternating board fences cannot have more than a 4-inch space between the front and backboard. Cross member boards for both vertical board and alternating board fences cannot be less than 3 ½ feet apart on a horizontal plane. Chain link fences must have a minimum 9 gauge metal wire with a mesh no greater than 2 inches. The Building Official shall approve all plans for the construction of fences around swimming pools required by Municipal Code prior to construction. All above ground outdoor swimming pools that have a minimum 4 foot high vertical sidewall must provide access to such above ground with a 4 foot safety fence meeting the requirements of the Municipal Codes enclosing swimming pool.
- g. Water in the pool must be maintained in a suitable manner to avoid health hazards of any type. Water is subject to periodic inspection by the Health Officer.
- h. Any wiring, lighting, installation of heating unit, grading, installation of pipes, and all other installations and construction must be subject to

inspections.

- i. Any proposed deviation from these standards and requirements must require a variance in accordance with normal zoning procedures.

5. Pools in Medium and Multi-Family Areas:

Pools in medium density and multiple family areas (residential structure containing two or more dwelling units combined), must conform to the same standards set in single-family areas with the following restrictions:

- a. No part of the water surface of the swimming pool can be less than 50 feet from any property line.
- b. No pump, filter, heating units, or other apparatus used in connection with or to service a swimming pool can be located closer than 50 feet from any property line. In all cases, the noise cannot exceed minimum standards as set forth in Chapter 29.142 of the municipal Code.
- c. All deck areas, adjacent patios, or other similar areas used in conjunction with the swimming pool cannot be located closer than 30 feet to any adjacent single family property line. Adequate screening including both fencing and landscape treatment must be placed between multiple and single family property lines.

6. In all Areas:

- a. Required safety fencing must be completely installed within 3 weeks following installation of the pool and prior to the pool being filled.
- b. Nuisances such as noise or lighting onto adjacent property, health and safety hazards, damage to nearby vegetation, and the like is not permitted.
- c. Filling of swimming pools by means of a fire hydrant or other public means must require approval of the City Public Works Department.
- d. Drainage of pools into public streets or other public drainage ways must also require approval from the City Public Works Department

