

## **DRAINING OF POOLS**

Under daily routine operations, pools are required to discharge to a sanitary sewer, not a storm sewer.

During pool draining the discharge should go to the sanitary sewer.

If no sanitary sewer is available, the following options for disposal are acceptable:

**Option 1:** Irrigate the water on the pool grounds or a nearby area at rates that do not allow the water to run off the irrigated site.

**Option 2:** Discontinue chlorination of the water for 3-4 days and then discharge the water across a field/large lawn, etc. and allow the water to slowly, over a couple of days of draining the pool, make its way to a ditch, street, storm drain, etc. **Discharge from the swimming pools is prohibited from directly entering any natural or improved storm water drainage system. Runoff onto abutting properties will not be allowed.**

The pool owner remains responsible for not creating nuisance conditions or public health problems as a result of the discharge.

We hope this answers your questions. If not, please contact us at 913-727-2400.

The City of Lansing  
Community Development Division/Public Works  
Full copies of codes are available at the Community Development Office or on the website.

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## Checklist for Pool/Hot tub

### Permit

- ◆ Site Plan
- ◆ Pool information with cubic feet or gallons of water contained in it.
- ◆ Electric, gas, and other utilities marked on your site plan. (Above ground and below ground)
- ◆ All electrical equipment and outlets marked with distances
- ◆ Fencing intentions or existing fencing shown on site plan.
- ◆ Contractor's name and phone number if being installed by them. (Are they licensed with the City of Lansing?)

## **SWIMMING POOL/ HOT TUB INFORMATION**

**Community Development Department**

**Guidelines for Residents**



# ***Pool Requirements***

The term swimming pool shall mean any receptacle for water, or an artificial pool of water having a depth at any point **of more than two feet**, intended for the purpose of immersion or partial immersion therein of human beings, and including all appurtenant equipment thereto, regardless whether said receptacle is totally above the ground, partially in the ground or totally in the ground.

- ◆ It shall be unlawful to construct, maintain, install or enlarge any swimming pool/hot tub in the city except in compliance with all of the provisions of this article.
- ◆ It shall be unlawful to proceed with the construction, installation, enlargement or alteration of any swimming pool and appurtenances or hot tub, within the city unless permits therefore shall have first been obtained from the building official.
- ◆ No portion of a swimming pool/hot tub outside a building shall be located at a distance less than eight feet from any side or rear property line, or building line. Pumps, filters and pool water disinfection equipment installations and appurtenant equipment, shall be located at a distance not less than eight feet from any side property line.
- ◆ All drawings and plans for the construction, installation, enlargement or alteration of any swimming pool and appurtenances /hot tub shall first be presented to the building inspector for examination and approval as to the proper location and construction thereof. All distances and dimensions shall be accurately figured and drawings made explicit and complete, showing the lot line, and including information pertaining to the pool, walk, and fence construction, water supply system, drainage and water disposal systems, and all appurtenances pertaining to the swimming pool.
- ◆ **Temporary pools also require a permit, and all pools and hot tubs can only be located in rear yard.**

- ◆ One or more means of egress in the form of steps or ladders shall be provided for all swimming pools.
- ◆ All electrical installations provided for, installed, and used in conjunction with private residential swimming pools/hot tubs, shall be in conformance with the provisions of this code regulating electrical installations.
- ◆ No current carrying electrical conductors shall cross private residential swimming pools/hot tubs, either overhead or underground or within 15 feet of such pools.
- ◆ All metal fences, enclosures, or railings near or adjacent to swimming pools/hot tubs, which might become electrically alive as a result of contact with broken overhead conductors or from any other cause, shall be effectively grounded.
- ◆ The **fee for a permit** for the erection or construction or re-erection or construction of a swimming pool/hot tub shall be **\$20.00 for 1000 gallons or less, and \$100.00 for any pool over 1000 gallons**, thereof to be contained within the proposed pool as determined by the plans and specifications submitted for the application for the permit and an electrical charge depending upon above or in ground pool
- ◆ The building inspector periodically shall inspect all swimming pools/hot tubs to determine whether or not the provisions of the ordinances regarding safety applicable thereto are being complied with.
- ◆ **IMMEDIATE HAZARDS.** Any pool/hot tub maintained without the protection of a required fence and filled with more than two feet of water shall constitute an immediate hazard to the public and may be immediately abated by the responding officer without further notice to the owner or occupant (s) of the property. The cost of such an abatement shall be assessed to the property.
- ◆ Any person violating any of the provisions of this article upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any amount not to exceed \$150.00 not to exceed \$500.00 or be imprisoned for a period not to exceed 30 days, or shall both be so fined or imprisoned.

# **Fencing Requirements**

- ◆ All outdoor swimming pools/hot tubs shall be completely enclosed by a fence of not less than six foot in height above the grade level. All fence openings or points of entry into the pool area enclosure shall be equipped with gates, and shall be of not less than six foot in height above the grade level. The fence may be constructed of wire or of wood materials. In the event that wire is used for the fence to enclose the pool area the fence shall be constructed of a minimum number eleven and one-half gauge woven wire mesh corrosion-resistant material. In the event the fence is constructed of wood, the wooden materials shall be of a strength of not less than one-half inch in thickness with spacing no greater than three inches in width. All gates shall be equipped with closing and latching devices capable of being locked with a padlock and the gate shall be locked with a padlock during the absence of the owners or tenants of the real property whereon the swimming pool is situated. All fence posts shall be decay or corrosion-resistant and shall be set in a concrete base at a depth of not less than two and one-half feet , and no farther than 10 feet apart.
- ◆ All hot tubs must meet fencing requirements. If the hot tub is equipped with a lockable top then fencing requirements can be reduced to 4' (foot).

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