

# City of New Hope Community Development

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# **Swimming Pool Information**

#### **Permits**

All permit applications must be accompanied by the following information:

- Lot survey or site plan indicating:
  - o Fence type, height, location, and gates
  - o Power line location, present and proposed
  - o Location of pump, filter, and heater
  - o Pool location, showing deep end depth and diving board (if any)
- Construction drawing of pool illustrating:
  - Main drain location
- Statement of electrical work proposed:
  - Yard lights
    - 22 ½ foot clearance from overhead lines from water level and continued 10 feet beyond edge of pool
    - 14 ½ foot clearance from overhead lines from the diving platform or tower

## City Code

### Section 3-25 - Private Swimming Pools

### (a.) Water

- 1. <u>City water supply.</u> There will be no cross connections of the city water supply with any other source of water supply for the pool. The line from the city water supply to the pool shall be protected against backflow of polluted water by means of either an air gap, vacuum breaker, or other adequate device to prevent back siphonage.
- 2. <u>Polluted water.</u> No body of water, whether it be a natural or artificial body of water in the city which contains sewage, waste, or other contaminating or polluting ingredients rendering the water hazardous to health shall be used for swimming or bathing purposes by any person or persons.

### (b.) Enclosed by a fence.

1. Pools on location. All swimming pools to be constructed or which are already constructed shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than four feet in height, which shall be so constructed as not to have openings, holes, or gaps larger than four inches in any dimension, except for doors and gates. A dwelling house or accessory building may be used as part of such enclosure. All gates or doors opening through such enclosure shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use, except that the door of any dwelling which forms a part of the enclosure need not be so equipped. The fence shall be a type not readily climbed by children. Rubber and plastic portable swimming pools without permanent support are exempt from the fencing requirement. Portable swimming pools may not exceed 24 inches in height.

### (c.) Shielding lights.

Lights used to illuminate any swimming pool shall be so arranged and shaded as to reflect light away from adjoining premises.



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### (d.) Unnecessary noise.

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continue at any swimming pool or family pool any loud, unnecessary, or unusual noise or any noise which annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others. In the operation of a swimming pool, the use or permitting the use or operation of any radio, receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing of the person or persons who are in the pool or the swimming pool premises shall be unlawful.

### (e.) Lot lines.

No pool or adjacent deck areas, patios, aprons, and other similar areas used in conjunction with a pool shall be placed within an easement. Pools and adjacent deck areas, patios, aprons, and other similar areas used in conjunction with a pool are permitted in side yards and rear yards and subject to the following setback conditions:

Side yard: 10 feet
Rear yard: 10 feet

### (f.) Prior construction.

The owner of any land upon which a private swimming pool has been constructed prior to the effective date of this Code shall within 60 days after said effective date comply with the requirements of this Code, and thereafter it shall be unlawful to maintain any swimming pool which does not meet the requirement of this Code.

### (g.) Discharge into sanitary sewer.

No part of the contents of any swimming pool shall be discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

#### Removal

- Pool removal requires a permit.
- All pool material including, but not limited to, concrete, rebar, and electrical wiring must be removed and disposed.
- Clean fill shall be used to back-fill the space, with the top 6 inches consisting of black dirt.
- Restore area to sod or landscaping to mitigate soil erosion.
- Inspectors will complete a progress inspection to confirm all pool material is removed, and a final inspection once work is complete to close the permit.