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SWIMMING POOL GUIDE FOR HOMEOWNERS

**INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES FOR
THE INSTALLATION OF A PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL**

This information is to help you comply with the building codes, zoning and safety regulations, and other guidelines developed to ensure quality and enhance your property value. Please contact the Zoning Officer at (610)932-9812 to request additional information or help.

A permit is required for any swimming pool, hot tub, or spa over 24 inches in depth. Some of the most commonly asked questions can be answered below:

1. A fence or other approved barrier is required for any swimming pool. This fence must be at least 48 inches tall and have a self-closing, self-latching type gate. The fence can be wood, vinyl, masonry or chain-link. The fence has to prevent entry of any sphere over 4 inches in diameter. A chain-link fence has to be 1 ¼ inches or less. Horizontal or "ladder type" members are not allowed as fencing around a pool, in order to keep small children from obtaining access to the pool and risking injury. The fence must be installed prior to filling the pool.
2. A site plan must accompany a pool permit application, indicating the location of the pool on the property. The pool must be at least ten (10) feet from any property line and any adjoining deck must be at least ten (10) feet from any property line. The pool and any deck cannot be constructed on any easements.
3. You will need to submit a brochure or other form of written information stating that the pool equipment, such as the filter and pump, has been listed for the purpose intended by an approved agency, such as Underwriter's Laboratory.
4. If a deck is going to be constructed with the pool, structural plans for the deck should be submitted. If the deck provides access from the pool to a door leading into the house, the door must have one of the following:
 - a. A door alarm and controls located at least 54 inches high adjacent to the door. The alarm must produce an 85 dBA audible warning signal within 7 seconds after the door has been opened.
 - b. A self-closing and self-latching device on the door located at least 54 inches above the threshold. This option is only available when the door swings away from the pool.
 - c. A powered safety cover with the capacity of 485 pounds. The controls for the cover must be permanently installed and must be a key operated switch. The switch must also be adjacent to the pool.
5. All electrical receptacles used for pools or pool equipment must be GFCI protected and have weatherproof covers that are capable of closing while the plug is in place. Receptacles used for pump equipment can be placed between 5 and 10 feet from the inside rim of the pool, must be single, grounded and of a twist-locking variety. A standard receptacle must be installed between 10 and 20 feet of the pool, and shall be GFCI type. All electrical work must be performed by a licensed electrician.
6. Inground pool application must include Professional Engineer's sealed set of plans.