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## Swimming Pool Requirements

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### Plan Check Submittal

- Three (3) sets of plot plan drawn to scale. See the *Plot Plan Example* for detailed requirements.
- Two (2) copies of engineered drawings, specifications, details, listings, ICC reports, installation manuals or other applicable documents.
- Plans are required to be drawn to scale.
- A soils report may be required depending on the design of the pool, type of pool, and/or soils condition.

### Other Permits

Separate permits are required for: Gazebos, trellises, patio covers, outdoor kitchens, outdoor fireplaces, fire-pits, and barbeques. These items may be included with the pool permit as long as they are clearly noted on the plans and the application.

### Pool Safety Barrier Requirements

The intent of the swimming pool barrier requirements is to prevent uncontrolled access by children from a street or adjacent properties, and from the home. Customer have the choice of the following **A** or **B**, listed below, when choosing a Pool Barrier.

**A. Fencing around property, utilizing the house as part of a fence to prevent access to pool, must meet the following requirements:**

**I. Fencing:**

- i. Minimum of 60 inches in height above ground.
- ii. Opening between the ground and bottom of the fence is not more than 2 inches.
- iii. Openings in the fence shall not allow passage of a sphere equal to or greater than 4 inches.
- iv. An outside surface, free of protrusions, cavities, or other physical characteristics, that would serve as handholds or footholds, that could enable a child below the age of five years, to climb over. Horizontal members shall be spaced at least 48 inches apart. Chain link may be used provided that the openings are not greater than 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches, measured horizontally.

**II. Gate:**

- i. Minimum of 60 inches in height above ground.
- ii. Access gates shall open away from the swimming pool.
- iii. Shall be a self-closing, self-latching gate, with latching device to be a minimum of 60 inches above ground.

**III. Doors giving direct access to swimming pool area:**

- i. Shall be equipped with self-closing, self-latching device, placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor, or see section IV (i) below.

**IV. Sliding doors giving direct access to swimming pool area:**

- i. Shall be equipped with audible alarm meeting 2007 CBC section 3109.4.1.8 (1) and be listed in accordance with UL 2017.

**V. Safety Pool Cover:**

- i. Safety pool cover complying with American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), in compliance with standard F1346-91, or approved by the Chief Building Official, may be used in lieu of alarm devices that are required for doors and sliding doors.

**B. Fencing around pool only will meet the following requirements:**

- **Fencing:**

- i. Minimum of 60 inches above ground.
- ii. Openings between the ground and bottom of fence are not more than 2 inches.
- iii. Openings in fence shall not allow passage of a sphere equal to or greater than 4 inches.
- iv. Access gates through the enclosure shall be a self-latching device placed no lower than 60 inches above the ground.
- v. An outside surface, free of protrusions, cavities or other physical characteristics that would serve as handholds or footholds that could enable a child below the age of five years to climb over. Horizontal members shall be spaced at least 48 inches apart. Chain link may be used provided that the openings are not greater than 1<sup>3/4</sup> inches, measured horizontally.

**Inspection Requirements for Gunite Pools/Spas**

The purpose of this information is to serve only as a guide for our customers, to identify required inspections during the construction of a gunite or fiberglass swimming pool/spa. This is not an all inclusive list: each project is different, thus, evaluated individually.

**Pre-Gunite Inspection**

A pre-gunite inspection is required when the pool has been excavated; steel reinforcement is in place and tied; the required bonding of electrical equipment/appliances is completed; and plumbing pipes are in place and under test.

**Pre-Deck Inspection**

A pre-deck inspection is required for all on grade pool decks. The steel must be bonded, if applicable.

**Pre-Plaster Inspection**

A pre-plaster inspection is required when the gunite has been completed; pool equipment/appliances have been installed, grounded and bonded, and one of the required safety features has been installed.

## **Final Inspection**

The final inspection is required when the pool has been completed, and all pool equipment/appliances, safety barriers, and required GFCI receptacles have been installed.

## **Inspection Requirements for Fiberglass Pools/Spas Excavation Inspection**

An excavation inspection is required after the excavation is completed, and before the fiberglass pool is installed, to verify soil condition at the location of the pool. All gravel compaction/densification for equipment pads, and at the hydrostatic relief valve, will be verified at this time.

## **Pre-Deck Inspection**

A pre-deck inspection is required after all required bond beam reinforcing steel and concrete forms are in place at the pool edge. In addition, all electrical circuits shall be in place.

## **Final Inspection**

A final inspection is required when the pool has been completed and all pool equipment/appliances and required GFCI receptacles have been installed.