

**SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS**  
**(Per Zoning Ordinance #1797, Title XVII, Section 18)**

Definition – A swimming pool is an outdoor structure designed as a receptacle for water, or an artificial pool of water, having a depth at any point of more than two feet (2'), intended for the purpose of immersion or partial immersion therein of human beings, and including all appurtenant equipment and other accessory structures such as hot tubs, spas, etc., whether such structure is built "in-ground", "above-ground", or a combination thereof.

- A. Private outdoor swimming pools shall be permitted as an accessory use in all Residential and Institutional (IN) Zoning Districts, subject to compliance with the relevant provisions in this Ordinance and the Town Code. Existing outdoor swimming pools not in compliance with these provisions shall be considered non-conforming uses.
- B. No portion of an outdoor swimming pool shall be located at a distance of less than 10 feet (10') from any side or rear property line, or building line, or at any other location where a "structure" is prohibited under the terms of the Schererville Zoning Ordinance. Pumps, filters and other equipment installations shall be similarly restricted to the requirements of this paragraph.
- C. Outdoor swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a fence. Such a fence may either be used to enclose only the swimming pool itself, or may be a fence which provides a continuous barrier to the portion of the yard where the swimming pool is located. The structural sides of an above-ground swimming pool may be used in satisfying a portion of the fence height requirement.
- D. Fence posts shall be decay or corrosion resistant and shall be set in concrete bases, or by manufacturer's specifications.
- E. All fence openings or points of entry into the swimming pool area enclosures shall be equipped with gates. Retractable stairs which are self-latching are acceptable substitutes for closing gates. All gates shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed at the top of the gate.
- F. All swimming pool construction, including associated fencing, means of access, and decking, shall conform to the regulations set forth in Indiana Administration Code Title 675, Article 20: Swimming Pool Code (675 IAC 20-4) and all other relevant State Statues, as amended from time to time.

## SWIMMING POOL PERMIT FEES

Application/Zoning Fee\* ..... \$50.00

Building Permit Fee Formula:

Swimming Pools (in-ground and above-ground) First \$1000 of project value..... \$50.00

Each Additional Increment or Portion of \$1000..... \$10.00

Electric Permit – Filter..... \$50.00

Mechanical Permit – Heater..... \$50.00

\*Non-refundable

## **ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ABOVE-GROUND POOLS**

- When using rigid conduit or PVC conduit, a minimum trench depth of 12" is required.
- If using a direct burial cable, a minimum trench depth of 18" is required.
- If running a gas pipe, there must be a minimum 1' separation between gas and electric lines.
- When using PVC conduit, a ground wire must be pulled from the power source to the GFCI receptacle mounted at the pool.
- The GFCI receptacle should be mounted in a 4" by 4" pole and should not be more than 5' from the pool filter. If the pool has decking, the receptacle may also be mounted on the side of decking.
- Pools must be a minimum of 5' from underground service lines. See electric code for overhead line.
- Inspections are required before filling in trenches and when the receptacle is mounted on the pole or decking.