

SWIMMING POOLS, WHIRLPOOLS AND SPAS*

This is a guide only. For more information call 459-3477.

*State law reference(s) – Public swimming pools generally, W.S.A. § 145.26.

*Zoning Code reference, Section 15.720(3)(f)

*Model Code reference – Swimming Pool Enclosure Code, NSPI

Definitions

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Swimming pool means a body of water in an artificial or semi-artificial receptacle, whether located indoors or outdoors, used or intended to be used for purposes of swimming or diving and having a water capacity of 500 or more cubic feet.

Whirlpools and spas means bodies of water in an artificial receptacle located outside, used or intended to be used for bathing or health purposes.

Moveable swimming pool means a pool with walls less than or equal to 3' in height, and/or less than or equal to 12' in diameter.

Public, commercial, institutional pools are not private pools

Swimming Pools in General:

Permit required.

No swimming pool, except for a moveable swimming pool, whirlpool or spa shall be constructed, altered, remodeled or improved within the city unless a permit therefore shall first be obtained from the city planner or his designee, exception; moveable swimming pools.

Fences.

- (a) All outdoor swimming pools, whirlpools or spas shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than 4' in height which is kept gated and locked so as to exclude uninvited children and animals. A dwelling house or accessory building may be used as part of such an enclosure.
- (b) The only approved exception to the 4-foot fence requirement for pools is an approved lockable dome or the pool walls must be at least 48" high from grade to top edge of pool.
- (c) The only approved exception to the four-foot fence requirement for whirlpools and spas is an approved lockable-cover that can withstand 150 pounds.

Setbacks.

3' or 5' depending on zoning, **NOT allowed** in a required street (front or side) yards.

Public, Commercial, Institutional Swimming Pools:

Submission of plans.

Plans and specifications shall be submitted with the application for a Public, Commercial, or Institutional swimming pool permit and shall include:

- (1) Plans, include a profile, drawn to scale showing all dimensions.
- (2) Equipment, layout of filters, pumps, strainers, sumps, gutters, skimmers, inlets, outlets, waste discharge lines, circulation and other piping.
- (3) Type, kind and description of chlorinator.
- (4) Capacity of pool.
- (5) Proposed location on track of land.

Walkway.

The Public, Commercial, and Institutional swimming pool shall be completely surrounded by a walkway at least three feet in width and sloping away from the pool for drainage.

Walls.

The walls of a Public, Commercial, and Institutional swimming pool shall be vertical. Conspicuous markings shall show the depth of the shallow and deep portions, and the location and depth of the points where the slope of the bottom of the pool changes.

Lining.

The material used for lining artificial swimming pools shall be light in color, and such as will provide smooth and easily cleaned surfaces.

Overflow gutters.

Overflow gutters shall completely surround the swimming pool; provided, however, that pools less than 30 feet in width may be provided with skimmers built into the sides and corners of the pool to take the place of gutters if approved by the city.

Outlets and inlets.

Pools under 30 feet in width shall have at least one outlet at the deepest point of sufficient size to permit the pool to be completely emptied in eight hours. Inlets shall be located to make possible a uniform circulation of water throughout the pool.

Recirculation.

There shall be a complete recirculation of water through all parts of the swimming pool.

Water and sewer connections.

All connections from the swimming pool, spa or whirlpool to the city water supply or sewer system shall be approved by the city.

Contact Alliant (WP&L) regarding placement of pool in relation to overhead and/or underground conductors.