



SWIMMING POOLS

Building and Zoning Requirements

Permit Submittal Checklist

Required for any pool having a depth exceeding 24 inches at any point or a surface area exceeding 150 square feet (14-foot diameter).

- Design specifications of pool from manufacturer
- Submit a certificate of Survey, drawn to scale which indicates the following. A Certificate of Survey for the property may be on file at City Hall.
 - Lot Dimensions.
 - Location and ground coverage area of existing structures.
 - Location and size of pool.
 - Setback of pool from the property line.
 - The location and height of the fence enclosing the pool as required by City ordinance.
 - The location, size and type of equipment used with the pool (**separate mechanical permit required for heater**).
 - Location of any existing or planned decks (**separate permit required to install deck**).
 - Location of self-closing locking gates.

Zoning and Building Requirements

- Property lines must be located prior to erecting a pool. The City of New Prague does not provide a survey service to find the property lines. It is the responsibility of the landowner to locate the property lines.
- Fencing
 - In Ground and Aboveground pools (*under 48 inches in height*) shall be provided with fencing and self-latching device to prevent children from gaining access.
 - Permanent fences shall be at minimum 4 feet in height and shall not exceed 6 feet in height. The fence shall completely enclose any in ground or above ground swimming pools.
 - The bottom of the fence shall not be more than 4 inches from a hard surface ground or 2 inches from a soft surface ground.
 - Fences shall be constructed with a non-corrosive material that is not easily climbable for small children.
 - The fence shall have self-closing and self-latching devices placed at a minimum of 4 feet from the ground surface so that the device is inaccessible to all small children.
 - Aboveground pools (*48 inches in height or more*) that have a removable ladder (ladder must be removed/locked up when not in use) do not require a fence.
- Prior to filling the pool, the approved fence or an approved temporary fence must be completely in place, inspected and approved by the City Building Official.

- In all residential districts, swimming pools shall only be allowed in the rear or side yard and shall be setback a minimum of 6feet from all property lines.
- Swimming pools shall not be located in drainage and utility easements or required buffers.
- Swimming pools erected on corner lots shall not be within the 30-foot building setback line and shall not be constructed closer to the front property line than the primary structure. The swimming pool shall follow the same right-of-way setbacks as the house.
- All swimming pools shall be at minimum 10 feet away from any principal structure, building or frost footings.
- Swimming pool covers, regardless of design, shall not be allowed in lieu of the required fence. The fencing requirements and standards stated in this Section are required even if a swimming pool cover is used.
- The drainage of discharged water cannot drain across or onto any adjoining property.

Required Inspections

- Pool Footing:** Before pouring concrete, pool has been dug and forms have been erected.
- Pool Fence or Temporary Fence:** Prior to filling the pool.
- Gas line:** Air test performed (separate mechanical permit required for heater).
- Electrical:** Rough in and Final (separate electrical permit required from State).
- Final:** Prior to filling the swimming pool and when the pool, pool enclosure (fence) and surrounding deck (if applicable) is completed.

Call 952-758-1138 between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. to schedule an inspection. Provide at least 24 hour advance notice and permit number at time of scheduling.