

Sec. 13-1-183 Swimming Pools.

- (a) **Definition.** A private or residential swimming pool is an outdoor structure containing a body of water in a receptacle or other container having a depth for water at any point greater than one and one-half (1-1/2) feet located above or below the surface of ground elevation, used or intended to be used solely by the owner, operator or lessee thereof and his/her family, and by friends invited to use it, and includes all structural facilities, appliances and appurtenances, equipment and other items used and intended to be used for the operation and maintenance of a private or residential swimming pool.

- (b) **Exempt Pools.** Storable children's swimming or wading pools, with a maximum dimension of fifteen (15) feet and a maximum water depth of twenty-four (24) inches, and which are so constructed that they may readily be disassembled for storage and reassembled to their original integrity, are exempt from the provisions of this Section.
- (c) **Permit Required.**
- (1) An application for a swimming pool building permit must be submitted in writing to the Building Inspector before work is commenced on the construction, installation, or placement of private or residential swimming pools not exempted by these regulations. A building permit is also required for any alterations, additions, remodeling or other improvements to an existing pool. Plans, specifications and pertinent explanatory data should be submitted to the Building Inspector at the time of application.
 - (2) Incidental plumbing and/or electrical work shall be subject to the provision of the respective codes and require separate permits from the Village.
 - (3) The minimum building permit fee pursuant to the Village Building Code shall accompany such application.
- (d) **Construction Requirements.** In addition to such other requirements as may be reasonably imposed by the Building Inspector, the Building Inspector shall not issue a permit for construction as provided for in Subsection (b), unless the following construction requirements are observed:
- (1) All materials and methods for construction in the construction, alteration, addition, remodeling or other improvements and pool installation shall be in accord with all state regulations and codes and with any and all ordinances of the Village now in effect or hereafter enacted.
 - (2) All plumbing work shall be in accordance with all applicable ordinances of the Village and all state codes. Every private or residential swimming pool shall be provided with a suitable draining method and, in no case, shall waters from any pool be drained into the sanitary sewer system, onto lands of other property owners adjacent to that on which the pool is located or in the general vicinity.
 - (3) All electrical installations, including lighting and heating but not limited thereto, which are provided for, installed and used in conjunction with a private swimming pool shall be in conformance with the state laws and Village ordinances regulating electrical installations.
- (e) **Setbacks and Other Requirements.**
- (1) All pools, to include exempted pools, shall be installed, constructed or placed on rear or side lots only, and only on a lot occupied by a principal building. No swimming pool shall be installed, constructed or placed on an otherwise vacant lot. A lot shall not be considered vacant if the owner owns the contiguous lot and said lot is occupied by a principal building.
 - (2) No part of any outdoor swimming pool shall be set nearer than three (3) feet from any lot line or fifteen (15) feet from any adjacent residence or garage or in the front setback area of any lot.

- (f) **Fence.**
- (1) **Requirement.** Outdoor swimming pools shall be protected by a fence, wall, buildings, enclosure or solid wall of durable material of which the pool itself may be constructed or any combination thereof. The artificial barrier shall be constructed so as to afford no handholds or footholds, of materials which are impenetrable by toddlers, at least four (4) feet in height so that a toddler cannot grasp its top by jumping or reaching. Any gate installed shall be provided with self-closing and self-latching devices which shall be on the inside of the gate at least thirty (30) inches above ground level. All fences shall be constructed so that there is no more than four and one-half (4-1/2) inches of spacing between vertical members.
 - (2) **Exception.** The pool enclosure may be omitted where a pool is installed above ground and has a raised deck around the entire pool perimeter with an attached enclosed railing or uncovered sidewalls a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches high, provided that a ladder or stairs access can be restricted.
 - (3) **Portable Pools.** Portable pools over twenty-four (24) inches in depth shall be fenced or shall be drained, or covered with a secured cover to prevent access into the pool, after each day's use so as to provide public safety.
- (g) **Life Saving Equipment.** Lifesaving equipment shall be provided and shall consist of at least one (1) life pole ten (10) feet long and a Coast Guard approved ring buoy with a minimum outside diameter of twenty (20) inches (U.S.C.G. approval numbers 160.009 or 160.050) to which shall be attached a three-sixteenths inch rope of a length at least equal to the greatest dimension of the swimming pool.
- (h) **Draining and Approval Thereof.** No private swimming pool shall be constructed so as to allow water therefrom to drain into any sanitary sewer or septic tank nor to overflow upon or cause damage to any adjoining property. Provisions may be made for draining the contents of any swimming pool into a storm sewer, but such installation shall be subject to prior approval by the Building Inspector.
- (i) **Filter System Required.** All private swimming pools within the meaning of this Chapter must have, in connection therewith, some filtration system to assure proper circulation of the water therein and maintenance of the proper bacterial quality thereof. Every private swimming pool which has a capacity of at least five hundred (500) cubic feet of water shall be equipped with a recirculating system which shall be capable of filtering and recirculating the entire volume content of the pool during a twelve (12) hour period.
- (j) **Dirt Bottoms Prohibited.** All swimming pools of a permanent nature shall have the sides and bottom of a smooth finish, and no sand or dirt bottom shall be permitted.

Sec. 13-1-184 through Sec. 13-1-199 Reserved for Future Use.