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§101. Definition. As used in this Part, SWIMMING POOL or POOL is hereby defined as an outdoor swimming pool used or intended to be used . solely by the owner of a residential property, his family, or lessee thereof and his family, and by guests invited to use it without the payment of any fee. (Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§102. Applicability. This Part shall apply to all new outdoor swimming pools hereinafter constructed as well as existing swimming pools whether aboveground or in the ground and having a depth of eighteen (18) inches or more at anyone point. (Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§103. Construction Permit and Approval. Before any work is commenced on the construction of a swimming pool or on any alteration, addition, remodeling or other improvement to a swimming pool, an application for a permit for construction, together with plans and specifications pertinent to the construction, as well as explanatory data., shall be submitted to the Zoning Officer. No part of the work shall be commenced until approval has been granted the applicant by a written permit. The fee for such permit shall be established by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

All plans, including a plot plan, shall bear the name and seal of a registered architect or registered engineer. The plot plan shall show the location of all buildings and the proposed pool on the property, distances to all property lines in the immediate vicinity of the swimming pool and dwelling, and the location of wells, sewage disposal systems and proposed enclosure or fence around the pool.

Standard pools, properly designed by established swimming pool companies and having the approval of a registered engineer or registered architect shall be acceptable when accompanied by suitable plans and specifications, including information as stated herein.

(Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§104. Location on the Property. A swimming pool shall be located at the rear of a dwelling or along the side of the dwelling where practical.

There shall be a minimum of three (3) feet of concrete, stone, brick or block sidewalk or other all weather surface around all pools, except portable aboveground pools.

No swimming pool or appurtenances including decks and shelters shall be erected nearer to any property line than a building could be erected in the same use district as set forth in the zoning ordinance.

No swimming pool shall be so located as to interfere with the operation of a well or on site septic system, or to be located where there is potential danger of a septic system discharging into the pool or onto the adjacent area around the pool.

(Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§105. Design and Construction Requirements. No permit to construct new swimming pools (existing pools are excluded from this section) shall be issued unless and until the following design and construction requirements are observed.

1. **Material:** The material used for lining a swimming pool shall be light in color, impervious and shall provide a tight tank with easily cleaned surfaces. Sand or dirt bottoms are prohibited if uncovered.

2. **Walls and Bottom:** All pool walls and bottoms shall be designed to withstand water pressure from within and to resist the pressure of earth or ground water when the pool is empty.

3. **Steps, Ladders, Handholds:** One or more steps, ladders, stepholes or handholds shall be provided for all pools. The coping of the swimming pool, if not higher than eight (8) inches above the water surface, shall be considered a handhold.

4. **Make-Up Water:** Pools shall be equipped with suitable facilities for adding make-up water as required. There shall be no physical connection between the water supply line and the pool system. When make-up water is added to the pool, the inlet shall be at least six (6) inches above the pool water surface.

5. **Drainage Outlet:** No pool water shall be drained at the curb, along the gutter line of any street or on the surface of any street.

6. **Recirculation:** Provision shall be made for complete circulation of water throughout the pool. The system shall be designed and constructed so that a turnaround at least once every twelve (12) hour period shall be provided. Recirculation systems shall consist of pumping equipment, hair-and-lint catcher, filters, together with all necessary pipe connections to the pool inlets and outlets, facilities and pipe connections necessary for backwashing or cleaning filters.

7. **Safety Equipment:** Life preservers, ropes and poles shall be readily available at the pool site.

(Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§106. Portable Pools. Aboveground pools are not subject to the fee schedules nor the design and requirements as set forth herein. However, all such pools having walls less than four (4) feet shall be enclosed in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

Portable aboveground pools having walls four (4) feet or greater in height may be excluded from the fencing requirement provided such pools are equipped with access ladders which may be raised and locked in a near vertical position when the pool is unattended. An aboveground pool as described in this paragraph which is served by a ladder or steps which cannot be raised and locked so as to prevent access by small children shall be enclosed in accordance with §103.

§107. Property Rights. No swimming pool shall be so located or maintained as to interfere unduly with the enjoyment of the property rights of others. (Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§108. Shielding Lights . Lights used to illuminate any swimming pool shall be so arranged as to reflect light away from adjoining premises. (Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§109. Unnecessary Noise. It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued at any swimming pool, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, health, peace or safety of others. The use or operation of any radio, musical instrument, phonograph, recording equipment, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of neighboring inhabitants or at any time with volume louder than is necessary for convenient hearing of persons at the swimming pool site shall be unlawful. (Ord. 1~89, 3/13/1989)

§110. Electrical Connections. All electrical installations shall conform to the specifications of the National Electrical Code. No electric wires or conductors shall cross, either overhead or underground, on any part of a swimming pool, nor shall any electric wiring be installed parallel to any pool wall closer than five (5) feet, if underground, unless enclosed in a rigid conduit, or within five (5) feet, if overhead.

All underwater lights must be watertight, self-contained units with ground connections running from a waterproof junction box to a proper grounding facility or medium. All underground electric wires supplying current to said lights within a distance of five (5) feet of the pool wall or walls shall be enclosed in rigid conduits.

All metal fences, enclosures or railings, near or adjacent to a swimming pool, which might become electrically charged as a result of contact with broken overhead conductors, or from any other cause, shall be effectively grounded.

§111. Penalties. Please see Chapter 1, Part 6, "Ordinance Enforcement Procedure." (Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989; as amended by Ord. 6-96-1, 6/17/1996, §1; and by Ord. 4/15/1997, §1)