

## **RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS AND PLANS REQUIREMENTS**

All swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas must comply with the International Residential Code, 2009 Edition, and Pflugerville Ordinance 295-39-01-10.

Swimming Pools, hot tubs, spas, etc. must be enclosed by a fence or other barrier by a minimum of four (4) feet.

Any walk-through gates must be self-latching, self-enclosing, and have an outward swing.

If a wall of the dwelling serves as part of the pool barrier the pool must have a powered safety cover or an audible alarm when the door is opened. The alarm shall sound continuously for 30 seconds and be heard throughout the house.

Above-ground pools with a barrier on top of the structure and access by ladder or steps shall have the ladder or steps being capable of being removed, secured, locked, or must have an additional barrier the same as an in-ground pool.

### **SET BACK REQUIREMENTS:**

- 5 Feet from the Interior side yard property line to the edge of the pool.
- 15 Feet from the Exterior side yard property line to the edge of the pool.
- 5 Feet from the Rear yard property line to the edge of the pool.

### **PLAN REVIEW**

#### **PLANS:**

The following Plans are required to accompany each pool permit application. Plans are required to be in sufficient detail and size to properly determine code compliance. Plans will not be accepted in pencil. Additional information may be required. A typical grouping of plans is:

#### **PLOT PLANS**

1. Property lines easements, right-of-way of record and overhead utilities adjacent to pool area or over the property line.
2. Existing structures, fencing, retaining walls, and other relevant characteristics adjacent to pool areas.
3. Proposed pool shape, dimensioned and located to show setbacks, side yards, and clearance from existing structures adjacent to pool area.
4. Proposed mechanical equipment pad, dimensions and locations as to setbacks and side yard.
5. All deck equipment, if included.
6. Proposed deck work configuration, showing its anticipated drainage.
7. Anticipated overall drainage of pool site.

#### **PERMIT FEE:**

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| Above Ground          | \$60.00  |
| In-Ground (no heater) | \$144.00 |
| In-Ground (heated)    | \$186.00 |

## Swimming Pool Information Guidelines for Draining Your Pool or Spa

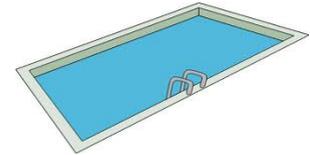
Pool chemicals can be deadly to our local waterways. You can help keep our creeks, streams and rivers clean by properly draining your swimming pool or spa.

Whenever possible, please drain your pool, spa, filter backwash, and pool wastewater into the sanitary sewer cleanout or down a drain leading to the sanitary sewer (this will not increase your utility bill.) Water flow into the sanitary sewer should not exceed 20 gallons per minute and should be pumped during low flow times of midnight – 5am, or noon – 5pm.

If it is not possible to drain the water into the sanitary sewer, you may drain the water onto grassy areas following these guidelines:

- Note: draining saltwater onto grass and landscape can damage plants and soil due to high salt content.
- De-chlorinate the water by allowing it to stand untreated for 7 to 10 days before you drain the pool/spa.
- Drain the water directly onto the grass in your yard. Be a good neighbor – allow the water to only drain onto your property so that it does not cause erosion or flooding in your neighbor's yard.
- Drain the pool water slowly to allow it to be absorbed into the ground and to prevent erosion and ponding. Standing water can lead to mosquito problems in as little as 48 to 72 hours and may be a code violation.
- Maintenance discharges from swimming pools, fountains and spas such as filter backwash, acid wash, and plaster wastes shall never be discharged to the public right-of-way or storm drain system.

It is a violation of the City of Pflugerville's Code of Ordinances to drain chlorinated water or filter backwash from your swimming pools or spas to the storm sewer system.



When disposing of filter rinse water and backwash:

- Filter backwash must be collected, contained, and discharged to the sanitary sewer.
- Cartridge filters should be rinsed in a sink, bathtub, or over a lawn or other vegetated area.
- Use a separation tank for diatomaceous earth (DE) and cellulose fiber filters to capture the DE or fibers.
- To conserve water, direct the clean water back into the pool.

### DID YOU KNOW? . . .

- High levels of chlorine in pool water can kill wildlife, fish, crayfish and other aquatic animals.
- A saltwater swimming pool system uses pool salt to make chlorine. The chemicals and salt in saltwater pools can kill plants, wildlife, and aquatic animals such as fish and crayfish.
- Stormwater drainage systems (catch basins in the streets, ditches, etc.) drain rain water directly to creeks and streams.

### KEEP OUR CREEKS, STREAMS AND RIVERS CLEAN! Remember...

- Drain pools and spas into the sanitary sewer whenever possible.
- Drain only de-chlorinated water onto grassy areas. Drain the water slowly.
- And **NEVER** drain pool and spa water directly into street drains or drainage ditches – they lead directly to our creeks, streams and rivers.
- Questions? Contact the City of Pflugerville Public Works Department at 512-251-9935.

