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# SWIMMING POOLS

City ordinances define a **swimming pool** as a structure, basin, chamber or tank containing an artificial body of water for swimming, diving or recreation and having a depth of more than 24 inches and a surface area exceeding 150 sq. ft.

A **building permit** is required for pools, except when completely above grade, less than 24" high and less than 5,000 gallon capacity. A site plan showing the location of the pool & required fencing must be submitted. (Seasonal pools that are removed and not in use from September 30 thru May 1 are exempt from setback requirements, however, a one-time permit is required and the pool must be placed in the same location each year.)

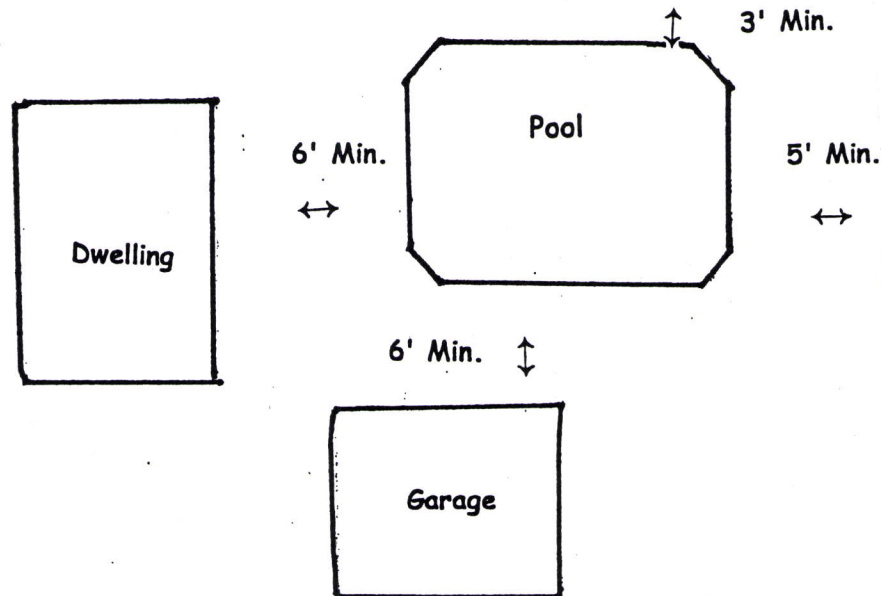
When filling or servicing the pool, proper procedures should be followed to prevent a **cross-connection** and possible contamination of city water. Pools cannot drain directly into storm sewer system.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Minimum setbacks are required from the edge of the pool to:

Overhead wires-10 feet  
 Side lot line-3 feet

Rear lot line-5 feet  
 Other structures-6 feet



Must maintain a 10 ft clearance from overhead electrical.

Min. 4 ft high fence with a self-closing latch is required around yard or pool.

## POOL FENCING REQUIREMENTS

City Ordinances (Section 19-1402) requires all outdoor swimming pools be completely enclosed by a fence or wall at least 4 ft high and located at least 4 ft from the edge of the swimming pool on at least half the perimeter. All points of entry must be equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates placed at the top of the gate, inaccessible to small children. Any openings between the fence bottom and the ground cannot exceed 4 in.

Fence Requirement Exception: Fences are not required for above-ground outdoor swimming pools over 4 ft high with vertical or outward-inclined sidewalls; provided sole access is by means of removable ladder, ramp, or stairs, which must be removed when pool is not attended.