

CHAPTER 157

SWIMMING POOLS

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157.01 DEFINITION. A “swimming pool” is any structure intended for swimming, recreational bathing, or wading and which has the capacity of containing water over 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground pools; hot tubs; spas and fixed-in-place wading pools.

157.02 LOCATION. All swimming pools located in residential districts shall be located in conformity with all setback requirements for accessory uses in the zoning district in which the pool is located.

157.03 REQUIREMENTS. No person shall maintain or use a swimming pool unless it conforms to the requirements of this chapter, and in the event that any swimming pool is found not to comply with the terms of this chapter, it shall constitute a nuisance within the definition of Chapter 50 of this Code of Ordinances and the City may invoke remedies and penalties provided in said chapter.

157.04 PERMIT REQUIRED.

1. No person shall construct or make any alteration, addition, remodeling, or other improvements to a swimming pool without a permit. Swimming pools shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
2. A person seeking a permit shall make an application to the Clerk for such permit. The plans and specifications and plot plan, as well as other pertinent explanatory data, shall be submitted with each application.
3. If the plans and specifications and plot plans meet the requirements of this chapter, a permit fee of \$15.00 for an above-ground pool, three feet or less in height, or a fee of \$50.00 for all other types of pools, shall be paid to the Clerk. Upon approval by the Council, the Clerk shall issue a permit.
4. The materials used in lining swimming pools shall be light in color, impervious to water, and provide a tight tank with smooth and easily cleaned surfaces. Sand or dirt bottoms are prohibited.
5. All cross connections between the City water supply or the sewer system in the plumbing of a swimming pool shall be constructed in accordance with the 2006 *International Building Code*.
6. Every outdoor swimming pool shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than six (6) feet in height and at least four (4) feet from each side of the pool. The fence or wall shall be non-climbable and shall be constructed sufficiently strong and of such structural design as to make the pool inaccessible to small children. There shall not be a distance greater than ten (10) feet between fence posts.
7. All gates or doors opening to the swimming pool shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices with locking provisions for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use.

8. All electrical construction shall be installed in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

9. This chapter shall apply to all existing and new swimming pools. All existing swimming pools shall comply within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the ordinance codified by this chapter (December 9, 2004).

157.05 BARRIER REQUIREMENTS. All residential swimming pools shall comply with Appendix “G” of the *International Building Code* (Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs) requirements with the exception of a swimming pool with a power safety cover or a spa with a locked safety cover which complies with the standards set out in Appendix “G” of the *International Building Code*.