

## CHAPTER 10

### SWIMMING POOL

#### 10.01 SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as: "The Swimming Pool Ordinance".

#### 10.02 DEFINITIONS

- (A) Terms used in this chapter have the following meanings:

**SWIMMING POOL:**

Any artificially constructed pool capable of being used for swimming or bathing, having a depth of two feet (2') or more at any point.

**PRIVATE:**

Not open to the public, not publicly owned, or not otherwise regulated by the State of Michigan either by statute or by rules or regulations of one of its administrative bodies.

#### 10.03 PERMIT AND INSPECTION

- (A) A permit shall be applied for and issued from the Building Inspector before construction shall begin on any swimming pool. The application for the permit shall be accompanied by a complete and detailed set of plans and specifications of the swimming pool. Before any permit shall be issued such plans and specifications shall be approved by the Building Inspector and before any swimming pool shall be used, a final inspection and approval must be had from the Building Inspector.
- (B) All applications for a permit shall be accompanied by a permit fee in accordance with the schedule of fees in effect at the Construction Code Authority, Inc.  
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#### 10.04 REGULATIONS

- (A) Swimming pools shall not be any nearer than six feet (6') from the side or rear lot lines or from any house, building or residence unless the Building Inspector shall approve a shorter distance.

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- (B) No exposed electric wires shall be nearer than ten feet (10') from the water's edge. Any exposed and permanently installed wires within twenty-five feet (25') from the water's edge of the pool shall be not less than ten feet (10') above ground unless otherwise approved by the Building Inspector. Under no circumstances shall wires of any kind cross or be over the water surface.
- (C) There shall be no cross-connection of the City of Lapeer water supply with any other source of water supply for the pool. The line from the City water supply to the pool shall be protected against back flow of polluted water by means of an air gap and shall discharge at least six inches (6") above the maximum high-water level of the make-up tank or pool.
- (D) The drain line for the pool may be connected to the City system if the following provisions are complied with:
1. Pool drain may be connected to the storm sewer if one is available.
  2. Where a storm sewer is not available, the pool drain may be connected to a sanitary sewer subject to the approval of the Building Inspector.
  3. There shall be no direct connection between the pool drain and the sewer.
- (E) The construction of the pool shall be made in such manner that all scum, splash and deck water shall not return to the pool except through a filter system.
- (F) The pool shall be left free at all times of floating material, sediment and debris either by any automatic surface skimmer, scum gutter or by some other means approved by the Building Inspector. However, no rigid scum controller shall be extended beyond the inside edge of the pool.
- (G) The entire recirculating system shall be capable of filtering and recirculating the entire volume content of the pool during a twelve (12) hour period. The rate of application of pool water on the filters shall not be greater than three (3) gallons per minute per square foot of filter area, unless the Building Inspector shall approve other rates of recirculation or rates of application of water on the filters.

- (H) A provision shall be made for positive germicidal or bacterial control by the use of chlorine, bromine or other such disinfecting agents as may be approved by the Building Inspector.
1. Provisions shall be made for adjusting the application thereof so as to keep the germicidal or bacterial protection of the water in the pool equal to a standard of 0.05 parts per million chlorine residual.
  2. Testing devices capable of accurately measuring such residual shall be provided.
- (I) All swimming pools shall be constructed or which are already constructed, shall be enclosed by a fence which shall be at least four feet (4') in height and which shall be of a type not readily climbed by children. The gate shall be of a self-closing and latching type with the latch on the inside of the gate, not readily available for children to open. If the entire premises of the residence are enclosed, this provision may be waived by the Building Inspector upon inspection and approval of the residence enclosure.

#### **10.05 RIGHTS OF ENTRY FOR INSPECTION**

The Building Inspector shall have the right at any reasonable hour to inspect any swimming pool for the purpose of determining that provisions of this Ordinance are complied with.

#### **10.06 PENALTY AND NUISANCE**

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, defined in the Ordinance shall constitute a nuisance and may be abated in the manner provided by law.

#### **10.07 EFFECTIVE DATE**

The Ordinance shall become effective 12:01 a.m. the 20th day of September, 1972.