

REGULATIONS

All pools, hot tubs and spas are to be installed in accordance with the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSA).

Permits are required for any pool capable of holding 24 inches or more of water (or for any pond 12 inches or more deep).

Pools are not considered accessory structures, but must be located in the rear yard & be at least 6 ft from the side & rear property lines.

There must be a distance of 4 feet between the outside pool wall and any building located on the same lot.

All pools are to be provided with a filtration system adequate to keep water clean & free of foreign matter. Anti-suction device required for filter.

All electrical installations shall comply with the 2015 Michigan Residential Code. Electrical permits & inspections are required.

Underground wiring for pool shall be a minimum of 5-ft from pool. Electrical lines must be 10 ft up, 10 ft over.

Removing in-ground pools requires permit & inspection. Everything must be removed.

If putting up same pool each year (i.e, those small, inflatable blue pools) you must go thru regular permit process the 1st year, then each year thereafter just a minimum \$50 building permit to verify proper installation/location.

Swimming pools are factored into the percentage of total lot coverage.

What you'll need:

- Building permit application.
- 2 sets of plans accurately showing dimensions of the pool, distances to the property lines and existing buildings, existing building locations, electrical wire location and indicate fence enclosure. (*see sample*)
- Pool brochure or a drawing showing a cross-sectional view.
- \$50 deposit (although based on job cost, total permit fee usually totals \$120).
- Soil erosion permit may be required for in-ground pool. Our engineering department to review and determine.

Plan Review

Your application & drawings will go through a plan review process where several different inspectors and departments make sure the pool you want to install follows all of our codes, setbacks, etc. (see sample on other side). This process can take 1 to 2 weeks.

City of St. Clair Shores

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Swimming Pools



Permit instructions for pools, hot tubs and spas.

St. Clair Shores does not enforce private subdivision restrictions.

Community Development & Inspection

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Barriers

All pools shall have a 48-inch high barrier on all sides. Barrier height shall be measured from the side facing away from the pool.

Opening in barrier shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch sphere.

If a fence is to be used as the barrier, then all gates in the barrier shall be self-closing and self-latching with latch at proper location.

Where the wall of a house, garage or shed serves as part of the required barrier, then all openings in said wall shall comply with the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC).

Where the sides of the pool are used as the barrier, the ladder or steps to the pool shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access. If ladder or steps cannot meet this requirement, then a 48-inch high barrier must surround them.

Sample Plot Plan

