

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK CODE

ARTICLE 1371 General Regulations

1371.16 PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS.

(a) Proposed Installation. Any person, firm or corporation may make an application in writing for a building permit to construct, operate or maintain a family swimming pool on any property in the Borough. The application shall be forwarded to the Building Inspector together with the design, materials to be used in construction and the type and character or permanent safeguards to be installed around such swimming pool. If a review of the contents of the application by the Building Inspector shows all provisions of this section are covered satisfactorily, a building permit shall be issued.

(b) Existing Installation. Any person, firm or corporation that operates or maintains a family swimming pool on any property in the Borough in existence before December 2, 1974, the date of the enactment of this Zoning Ordinance, shall notify the secretary of the Borough in writing of the design and material of which the same is constructed, and the type and character of safeguards permanently constructed around such swimming pool.

(c) Regulations. A private swimming pool may be erected in a rear or side yard in any residential district, provided the following conditions are met:

(1) All in-ground pools shall be located to meet all the yard requirements applicable to a principal structure in the Zoning District in which the pool is to be installed. Above-ground pools shall be located a minimum of ten feet from any side or rear property line.

(2) The pool must be suitably designed and located so as not to become a nuisance or hazard to adjoining property owners or the public. Outdoor lights, if used, shall be shielded and not reflected towards adjacent residential properties.

~~(3) Every in-ground pool installation shall be enclosed by a fence which is at least four feet in height. No holes or other openings in the fence, other than regular points of entry, shall have a length or width in excess of two inches. All points of entry into the pool area shall be equipped with a secure gate which has a locking device on the pool side, which locking device shall be inaccessible to small children and which shall be closed and locked at all times when the pool is not in use.~~

~~—An above-ground pool, the top of which is at least four feet above the adjacent ground level on the entire perimeter of the pool, and which has removable or retractable steps, shall not be required to be fenced, provided the steps are removed or retracted when the pool is not in use. All other above-ground pools shall be fenced in accordance with the requirements of this Section for in-ground pools.~~

***Pool barriers are required to meet the standards of the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.**

(4) No family pool shall provide a diving board unless sufficient space for diving has been provided for to a depth of eight feet.

(5) All electrical wiring installed or used in conjunction with any family pool shall be in conformity with the National Electrical Code standards, and the materials used or installed shall be as provided by the National Underwriters Laboratory. Further, the electrical supply to the motor and lights shall be inaccessible to users of the pool. The recirculating equipment and main power supply shall be housed in a structure that remains locked at all times. There shall be no electrical plugs or wiring, other than lights and motor mentioned above within eight feet of the edge of the pool.

(6) Provision shall be made for drainage of the pool and backwash water disposal. The use of open fields or dry wells shall be permitted for this purpose, provided they meet the requirements of health and sanitary regulations of the Commonwealth and the County regulating swimming pools. In addition, family pool installations shall comply with the health and sanitary regulations of the above governing bodies. Water shall not be emptied onto public roads or adjoining land belonging to others.