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BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT

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Code of Ordinance
Private Swimming
Pool Guidelines

Swimming Pools

TO LEGALLY INSTALL A SWIMMING POOL WITH A WATER DEPTH OF MORE THAN 24", THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLIED WITH:

1. Setbacks:

- A. Pools must be at least six feet (6') from any property line.
- B. Pools must be at least four feet (4') from any structure on the property.
- C. Pools cannot be located within ten feet (10') from a side street or alley.

2. Overhead wires/Underground wires:

- A. Pools cannot be placed where overhead wires pass directly over the pool or within five feet (5') of the pool. If necessary, The Power & Light Department can assist in relocation of lines.
- B. Underground wires cannot pass within five feet (5') of the pool or directly under the pool. If such lines are located within the pool area they must be relocated before setting up the pool.

3. Barriers or Fences:

- A. Every pool must have a four foot surrounding it or
- B. Every pool must have four foot high walls with either a removal ladder or a ladder with a spring-loaded mechanism that causes the ladder to rise when not in use.

4. Fences:

- A. Every fence surrounding a pool shall have gates with hardware which causes the gate(s) to be self-closing and self-latching.
- B. If a fence must be installed, a fence permit is required under city ordinance. Fence permits are issued by the Planning Division of the City of Bay City.



5. Patios and decks to open directly into the pool area:

- A. Any sliding door or entry directly opening to the pool area (inside the fenced area) must be equipped with an alarm that signals when opened

6. Electrical Outlets and Wiring:

- A. If electrical receptacles, lighting, or outlets must be installed or relocated, either for pool use, such as for the pump, or to remove them from the pool vicinity, then an electrical permit is required for such work. Either an electrical contractor or a homeowner can do such work and draw the permit.

7. Pool Permit:

- A. City Ordinance requires that a building permit be obtained for the installation of any swimming pool which has a depth greater than 24". These permits can be obtained in the Building Code Enforcement office at

City Hall and the fee is based upon the cost of the pool. If a deck is being installed, that should be included in the permit. Permit application and fee scales can be obtained by accessing the Code Enforcement website at: www.baycitymi.org

B. Inspections will be conducted to insure that codes and ordinances are followed and the safety of residents and property have been provided for.

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