

NOTICE REGARDING SWIMMING POOL INSTALLATIONS

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This notice must be acknowledged by the property owner, or authorized agent, for all swimming pool installations. The following are required for every swimming pool installation:

1. No swimming pool shall be installed beneath, or have any edge of the pool within 10'-0" measured horizontally from an overhead electrical wire, telephone wire, cable TV wire, or any other type of wire. No swimming pool shall be installed beneath, or have any edge of the pool within 25'-0" measured horizontally from high voltage electrical feeder wires. All diving boards, diving platforms, and diving towers must maintain a 17'-0" distance, measured horizontally, from all wires. No pool shall be constructed over any type of buried wire. Address questions regarding these requirements to CWLP at 757-8520, ext. 2155.
2. In-ground swimming pools shall not be installed within an easement. If you need to perform easement research for your property, call the Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds at 535-3150. You may contact Public Works at 789-2260 regarding the locations of existing public sewers in your area.
3. The installation of the swimming pool, equipment, and paving, must not change the existing water drainage characteristics of the site so as to cause water to drain onto adjacent private or public property.
4. All swimming pools that are capable of holding a depth of water greater than 24" must be surrounded by a minimum 48" high fence or other barrier, constructed with minimal horizontal members to discourage climbing by children. Openings in the fence shall not allow the passage of a 4" sphere, except that the maximum spacing between the bottom of the fence and the ground shall be 2".
5. Gates in fences shall swing outward, shall be self-closing, and shall be self-latching with the latch located on the pool-side of the gate. Gates shall be at least 48" high with openings not allowing the passage of a 4" sphere, except that the maximum opening at the bottom of the gate is 2", and shall be constructed with minimal horizontal members to discourage climbing.
6. If the house or other structure has a door leading directly into the fenced pool area, an automatic audible alarm is required to sound when the doors leading into the fenced pool area are opened.
7. If the swimming pool is an above-ground pool at least 48" high, the pool wall may serve as a barrier, but a fence (and gate as described in #4 above) is still required around the access ladder to the pool. Swimming pool filter equipment shall not be installed in a location where a child could climb on the equipment to gain access to the swimming pool.
8. The swimming pool cannot be filled with water until after the fence, gates, and door alarms have been installed.
9. In-ground swimming pools shall have all metal parts associated with the pool bonded together (min. # 8 solid copper conductor). Inspection is required before backfill to check bonding, and a final inspection is required when the pool is complete. Receptacles on the property shall be located at least 10 ft. from the inside walls of a pool. The only exceptions are receptacles that provide power for a water pump installed for the pool, which shall be permitted between 5 ft. and 10 ft. from the inside walls of the pool, and are required to be GFCI protected. All receptacles located within 20 ft. of the inside walls of a pool shall be protected by a GFCI.
10. When applying for a building permit for the swimming pool and fence, a site plan must be submitted showing how far the pool is away from the property lines, overhead electrical wires, buildings, and any other structures on the lot. If a new fence is to be erected, the site plan must show the fence line, and how far from the property line adjoining the street the fence will be. If the fence is existing, the site plan must show the existing fence location. The review of the permit application can take up to ten days. The required reviews are building inspector and zoning review. If the property is located on Lake Springfield, CWLP approval is also required, and that office can be contacted at 757-8660, extension 127, and is located at 200 East Lake Drive. If the property is zoned PUD, architectural committee approval is also required.

The undersigned property owner, or authorized agent, agrees to the above requirements:

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Date: _____