

# BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK

## PERMIT REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES FOR ABOVE GROUND POOLS, INGROUND POOLS AND HOT TUBS

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A 'BUILDING & ZONING PERMIT' FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ABOVE GROUND SWIMMING POOL
- IN GROUND SWIMMING POOL
- HOT TUB

YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:

### 1. LOT SURVEY / STORMWATER PLAN-

A copy of your survey or stormwater plan showing the proposed location of the swimming pool, and any proposed fence.

- A. Draw the pool and barrier in on the copy of your plot plan, (as close to scale as possible) showing where they will be located on your property, and noting the distances the pool will be from your property lines. The survey must be to scale and not reduced from the original.
- B. A stormwater plan is required for swimming pools that have more than 400 sq. ft. of pool area and impervious area around the pool. A maintenance agreement must also be signed, notarized and submitted for stormwater. Stormwater plans must be done by a surveyor or engineer. Note: Stormwater plans can be used as lot surveys.

### 2. DRAWING REQUIREMENTS- BARRIERS SURROUNDING IN GROUND POOLS, ABOVE GROUND POOLS AND HOT TUBS

- A. Whether surrounding in ground pools, above ground pools, or hot tubs, two (2) copies of detailed dimensional drawings are required and they must show:
  1. Height of fence
  2. Spacing of vertical and horizontal members
  3. Details of access gates
  4. Wall details
  5. Alarm details

### 3. APPLICATIONS-

An application for BUILDING and ZONING PERMITS obtained from the Building and Zoning Department , must be completed thoroughly and submitted with your LOT SURVEY/STORMWATER PLAN (And DRAWINGS if applicable).

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## **BOROUGH POOL STANDARDS**

### I. BARRIERS

#### a) SURROUNDING FENCE/WALL/BARRIER

Every outdoor private residential swimming pool shall be completely surrounded by a barrier not less than four (4) feet in height.

**b) OPENINGS, HOLES, GAPS AND GATES**

Fencing and gate details shall be in accordance with Appendix G of the 2009 IRC.

**c) ALARMS**

Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier the following conditions shall be met: All doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door and its screen, if present, are opened. The alarm shall sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds immediately after the door is opened and be capable of being heard throughout the house during normal household activities. The alarm shall automatically reset under all conditions. The alarm system shall be equipped with a manual means, such as touch pad or switch, to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such deactivation shall last for not more than 15 seconds. The deactivation switch(s) shall be located at least 54 inches (1372 mm) above the threshold of the door.

**d) WALLS**

Walls such as masonry or stone walls shall not contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.

**II. ABOVE GROUND POOLS**

**a) SIDEWALL**

If the pool is constructed above ground, it shall have a minimum four (4) foot sheer sidewall to the pool, the said sheer sidewall shall serve as a fence provided that ladders or climbing devices are not in place when the pool is not in use.

**b) GRADE OF YARD IS NOT LEVEL**

On above ground pools, when the grade of a yard is not level and must therefore be cut into, the four (4) foot height must be maintained for four (4) feet all around the pool. (Four (4) feet vertically and four (4) feet horizontally).

**c) POOL ACCESS**

All steps to the pool must also have a self-closing and latching device or be removable.

**III. ELECTRICAL WIRING & EQUIPMENT**

**a) FILTERS, PUMP, ELECTRICAL DEVICES**

If the pool is equipped with mechanical equipment such as filters, pumps, and electrical devices, said equipment shall be enclosed within a four (4) foot fence or a sheer four (4) foot side wall so as to prevent individuals from climbing onto the equipment and thence climbing into the pool. Applicant may also install this equipment four (4) feet away from the pool as an alternative to fencing.

**b) WIRING & EQUIPMENT APPROVAL**

All Electrical equipment and wiring for in ground pools shall be approved by the Borough's Electrical Inspection Agency.

**IV. CODE STANDARDS**

All requirements of the Franklin Park Borough Zoning Ordinance Chapter 212 and Appendix G of the 2009 IRC must be followed.