

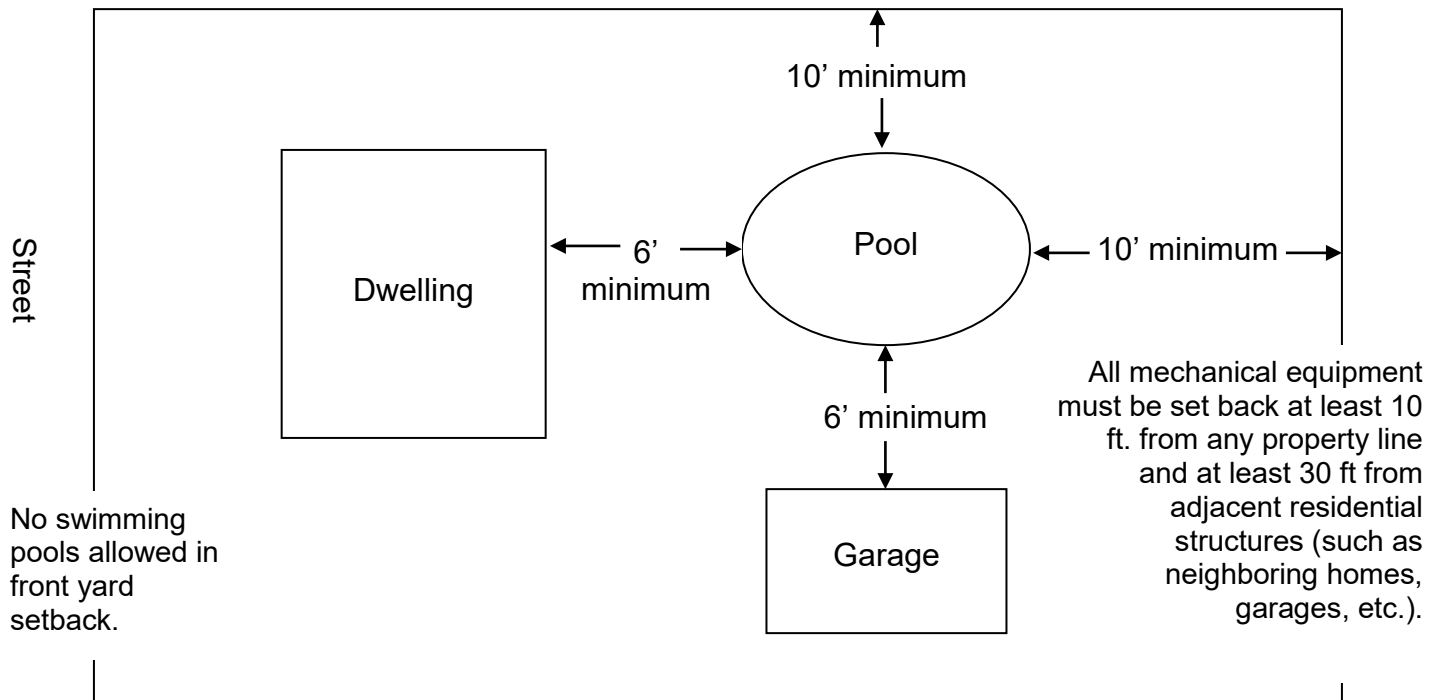


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SWIMMING POOL GUIDELINES

Building permits are **required for all swimming pools with more than a 5,000 gallon capacity – whether above or in ground.** Pools with less than 5,000 gallons do not require a building permit but must comply with all other requirements set forth in this handout.

Definition: A swimming pool is defined as any outdoor structure, hot tub, basin, chamber or tank containing an artificial body of water for swimming, diving, or recreational bathing used in connection with a single or double dwelling having the depth of more than 24 inches at any point or a surface area exceeding 150 square feet.



Setbacks: Pools must be set back at least 10 feet from side and rear property lines and 6 feet from a principal structure and from any frost footing.

Fences: All pools shall be surrounded with a non-climbable or chain link fence of at least 4 feet in height. The walls of an above-ground pool may substitute for a fence, provided the pool walls are at least 4 feet in height and the pool has a removable ladder, a self-closing/self-latching gate or some other means to prevent access. A fence surrounding a yard may also be used to meet this requirement. Alternatives to the fence requirement, such as a proposal to use a pool cover or some other means of swimming-pool protection, shall be considered an exception request and shall be subject to review and approval by the city council.

Utility Lines: Pools must be located to conform to the utility line clearances required by the [National Electrical Code and the National Electrical Safety Code.

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