



SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS

A swimming pool provides an attractive recreational activity for the owners of the pool, and an attractive nuisance for others. In order to provide enjoyable and safe use of the pool, certain regulations will need to be followed.

WHERE

With in City of Elmwood city limits.

PERMIT

A permit will be required prior to the start of construction of a private swimming pool or any alteration, addition, remodeling, or improvement to a private swimming pool. Pools over 24 inches deep and with a surface area of more than 125 square feet will require a permit. An application for a permit shall be submitted to the Building and Zoning Department.

PLANS

The plans and specifications shall include the following information:

A detailed site plan with measurements showing the location of the private swimming pool in relation to the property lines, existing fence, trees, landscaping elements, and power service lines. Proposed fence and deck locations should be included if they are to be used as part of the swimming pool barrier.

Construction plans will be required for inground pools and decks. Please refer to the Submittal Requirements for Building Permits for specific deck plan submittal information.

FENCE

A fence not less than 5 feet in height will need to completely surround a private below-ground swimming pool, except for those portions of the enclosure where there is a building that would serve as a five-foot barrier. Each fence shall be equipped with a gate with self-closing and self-latching devices placed at the top of the gate.

The owner of an above-ground pool will need to install a barrier which may include the sides of the pool structure, not less than 5 feet in height, which shall completely surround the pool except for those portions of the enclosure where there is a building that would serve as a 5-foot barrier.

FEE

Above ground pool	\$50.00
Partially or completely submerged pool	\$100.00

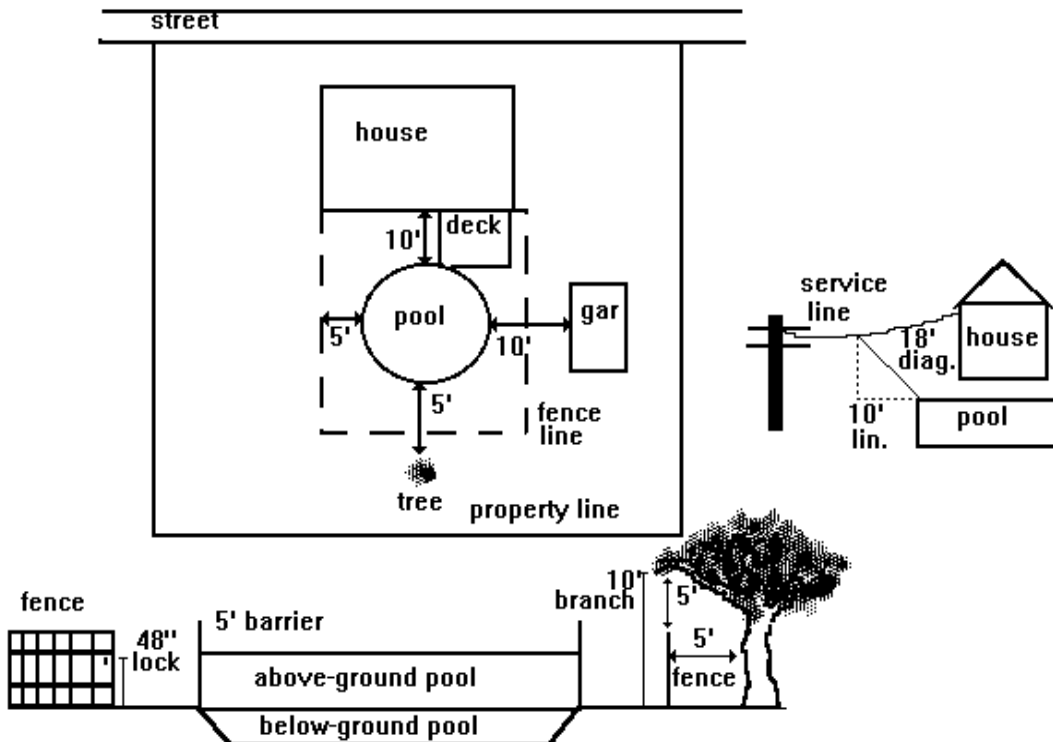
- Decks are permitted separately.
- Electrical and HVAC permits are also permitted separately, when required. Electrical permits are required for all pools with pumps.

LOCATION

The location of the pool shall adhere to the following minimum setbacks:

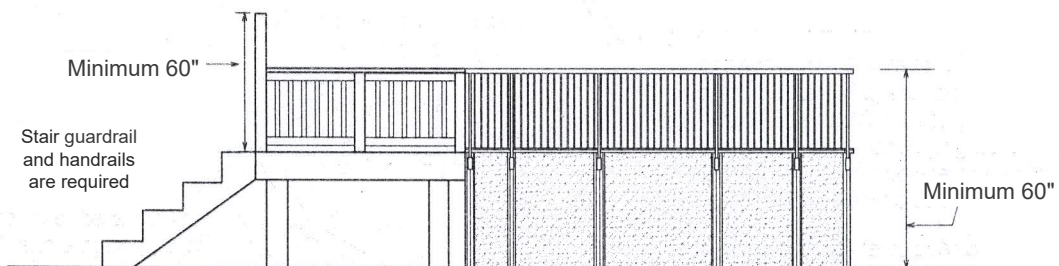
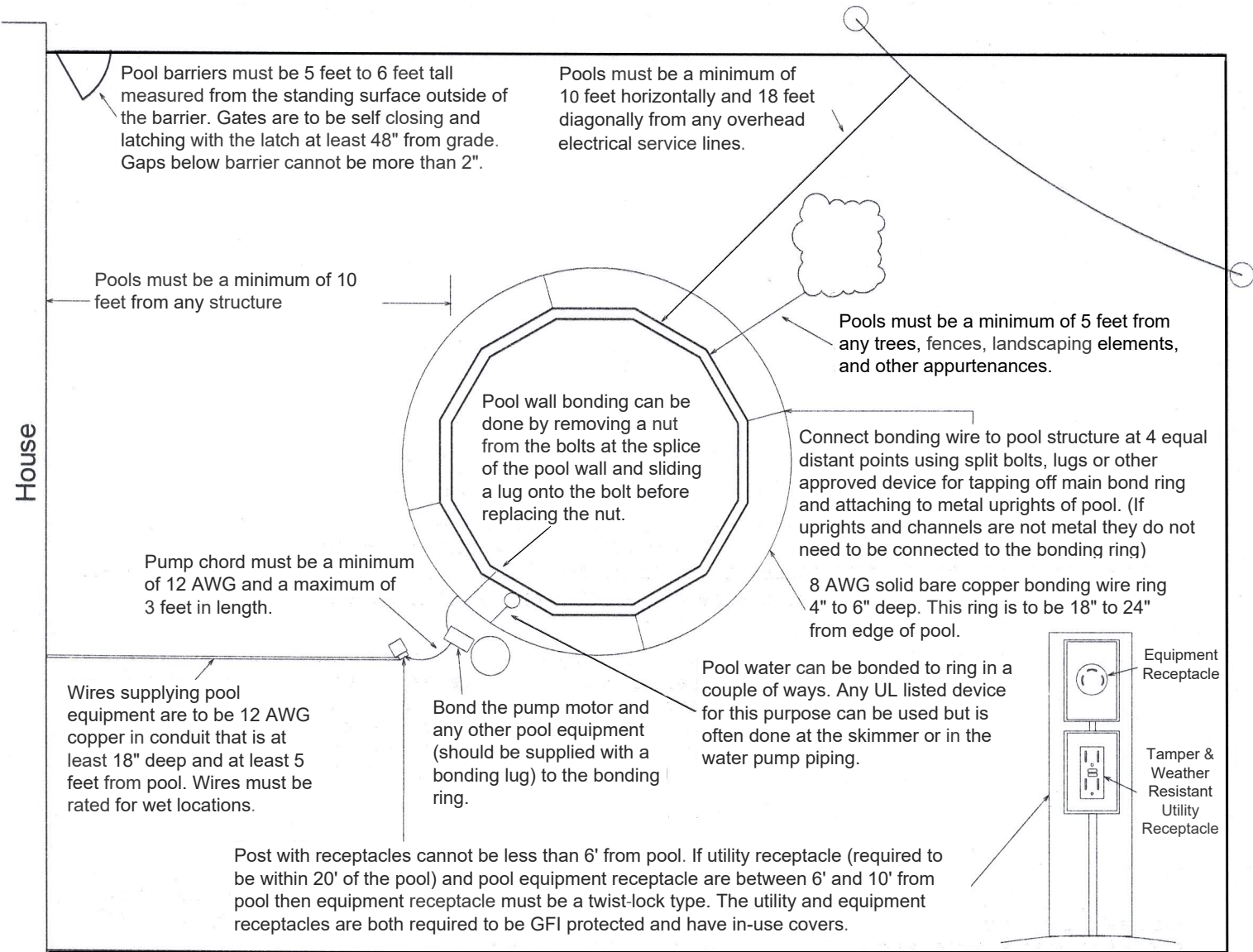
- 1) 5 feet from walls, landscaping elements or structures, trees and other appurtenances.
- 2) 10 feet linear and 18 feet diagonally from electric service lines.
- 3) 10 feet from principle or accessory structures, excluding decks.
- 4) Property and building line setbacks as stipulated in the Zoning Ordinance.

(see illustration below)



Pool Electric and Barrier Details

for above ground permanent pools



This diagram is intended to explain how to measure the pool barrier height. Please refer to the Deck Construction Guide for the code requirements of all decks.

FAILURE TO CALL FOR REQUIRED INSPECTIONS MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL FEES TO RENEW PERMITS. POOLS ARE NOT TO BE FILLED WITH MORE THAN 18 INCHES OF WATER UNTIL THE POOL AND BARRIER HAVE PASSED THEIR FINAL INSPECTIONS.

SWIMMING POOL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

Applicant is responsible for requesting inspections. Applicants shall request an inspection by notifying at least 24 hours in advance of the needed inspection. The permit number and address are required for scheduling inspections.

- I. **Permits are required prior to starting project.**
- II. **All inspections shall be scheduled by the contractor/owner with the inspector listed in the Comments section of the permit at least 24 hours prior to the requested inspection time. A valid permit number is required for scheduling any inspection. (Please be sure to leave the permit number and the address of the project).** Inspectors will return calls within 24 hours to schedule appointments.
- III. **REQUIRED INSPECTIONS: (Inspections shall vary based upon project type.)**
 1. **First Inspection**
 - Setbacks
 - Pool must be established in permitted location.
 - **Pool must not be filled above 18" of water unless approved pool barrier has been installed.**
 - Rough inspection (electrical, plumbing & HVAC)
 - Bonding inspection must be completed prior to pouring concrete (inground pools)
 2. **Second Inspection**

Required within 6 months of issuing permit (100% OF THE WORK SHALL BE COMPLETED. THE STRUCTURE SHALL BE VACATED OF TOOLS, WORKERS AND PERSONAL ITEMS.)

Principal items inspected will include:
 - Final safety barriers installed (fence, deck, pool rails, stairways, gates, etc.)
 - Final inspection of electrical, plumbing, HVAC (as applicable)
- IV. **Cancellations: The Building and Zoning Department (309-742-2351) must be notified at least 4 hours prior to the inspection time. Failure to do so may result in a re-inspection fee of \$80.**

***FAILURE TO CALL FOR INSPECTIONS WILL RESULT IN NEW PERMITS BEING
REQUIRED INCLUDING ALL MECHANICALS AND POSSIBLY RE-INSPECTION FEES.***