

SWIMMING POOL PERMITS*

BARRIER/FENCE PERMITS

A swimming pool is anything which contains water intended for swimming or recreational bathing, excluding hot tubs and saunas. All swimming pools are required to be enclosed by a barrier.

Above-ground pool structures and in-ground pools require a permit. Above-ground pools have frames, liners (combined or separate), filters and pumps. In general, above-ground pools are installed by a professional installation company.

Temporary "self-rising" swimming pools or blow-up style swimming pools will not require a permit; however, temporary pools **must have a barrier**. These pools are usually rubber/plastic and can range from over two (2) feet deep to four (4) feet deep. They are meant to be emptied and taken down after summer. Temporary pools are generally put up by the homeowner. At times they have a plug-in filter pump. The same safety regulations apply; however, a building permit for a self-rising pool will not be required.

Please see reverse side for further clarification of which type of pool requires a building permit.

POOL PERMITS (MCO 118-247)

For swimming pools that require a permit, please submit the following information to the Building Department:

- Building permit application
- \$40.00 fee
- Manufacturer's specifications for the pool: what kind it is, how big, the framing, what type of filter and pump, and what type of base is required
- Contractor's proposal. All contractors working within the Village of Park Forest must be licensed by the Village.
- Plat of survey (MCO 118-24) showing where the pool will be located:
 - The pool is required to be ten (10) feet from the lot lines (MCO 118-247.6-b.) The pool and any attachments to that pool are considered one structure.
 - The pool must be at least six (6) feet from any other structure (MCO 118-247.2-b, 3-a-2)
 - The pool must be enclosed by an approved barrier (MCO 18-31 ,IRC Appendix G)
 - Whenever possible, no overhead lines can run directly over the pool structure

BARRIER/FENCE PERMITS (MCO 18-351)

For a barrier/fence permit, *when submitted with a pool permit*, the following information must be furnished to the Building Department:

- Building permit application (may use the same building permit application as for the pool)
- Plat of survey showing where the fence will be located (may use the same plat as for the pool)
- Proposal from the fence company (if applicable). All contractors working within the Village of Park Forest must be licensed by the Village.
- Pools with their own barrier provided around the top perimeter of the pool and are installed at the same time as the pool are allowed
- Homeowner must sign waiver if they are performing the work themselves.

Barriers and property fences require a permit even when a pool permit is not required. A building permit application, \$40.00 fee, and the above information regarding fence permits is required.

Existing fences can be used and must comply with the following:

- The fence must be a security-style fence
- The fence must be at least 48 inches in height above-grade
- The fence must have self-closing and self-locking gates
- The fence must enclose the entire pool area
- A minimum six (6) foot clearance from the pool structure is required
- If a dwelling or accessory structure wall is to be used as part of the barrier, there must be an alarm system for all doors directly opening into the pool area.(MCO 18-31; IRC Appendix G 9)

Safety for you, your family, and the community is our first goal.

The Municipal Code of Ordinances is available on the Village of Park Forest website:
villageofparkforest.com

**These types of swimming pools require a
Pool Permit and a barrier.**



This type of temporary self-rising swimming pool requires a barrier.

- Ⓢ Just spread out the pool in a level area
- Ⓢ Inflate the top ring
- Ⓢ Fill with water
- Ⓢ The pool's walls rise with the water
- Ⓢ No digging or sand required

