

Chapter 160

SWIMMING POOLS

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Building construction - See Ch. 78.
Zoning - See Ch. 180.

§ 160.1. Title; purpose.

This chapter shall be known as the "Permanent or Portable Swimming Pool Ordinance" and shall be deemed presumptively to provide for all matters affecting or relating to the location, design, construction, installation, equipment, maintenance, repair and operation of permanent or portable swimming pools constructed within the BOROUGH, it being necessary and desirable for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of PERSONS and property within the BOROUGH.

§ 160.2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PERMANENT OR PORTABLE SWIMMING POOL - Any erected receptacle for water or any artificial pool of water created, constructed or erected below or above ground level which has a depth at any point of more than one and one-half (1 1/2) feet or a surface area exceeding one hundred (100) square feet, which is intended or used for the total or partial immersion therein of human beings for recreational purposes and which is installed, constructed, erected or located below or above the ground outside of any building used as a single-family residence or is intended to be used as a swimming pool in connection with such single-family residence and to be available only to the owner or occupant of such residence and his or her guests and family.

§ 160.3. Applicability.

The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable only to PERMANENT OR PORTABLE SWIMMING POOLS intended for single-family residence use. All other swimming pools must be authorized by BOROUGH COUNCIL and/or other authority having jurisdiction.

§ 160.4. Permits; insurance coverage.

160.4.1. Installation or construction permits. No swimming pool shall be installed, enlarged or altered unless a permit shall first have been issued therefor by the Building Inspector of the BOROUGH, and said permit shall be issued only if the requirements of this chapter and any applicable requirements of the Department of Health of the County of Allegheny are met. A fee for permanent pools or for portable pools¹ shall be paid to the BOROUGH prior to the issuing of the permit. **[Amended 6-3-87 by Ord. No. 715]**

160.4.2. All applications for PERMANENT SWIMMING POOLS must be accompanied by a plot plan and complete construction drawings prepared by and bearing the seal and signature of the architect or ENGINEER registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

160.4.3. No permit shall be issued until a certificate of insurance evidencing coverage for possible liability to third persons for bodily injury or property damage in the minimum amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.) shall be filed with the BOROUGH SECRETARY or Building Inspector.

§ 160.5. Plot plan; location; fencing.

160.5.1. A survey or plot plan to scale shall be furnished in duplicate showing all property, main and accessory buildings, driveways, fences, walks, filters and other related equipment thereon. The proposed location of the swimming pool shall be clearly shown.

160.5.2. Private swimming pools shall be located entirely within the rear yard area and no less than ten (10) feet from any rear property line. The minimum requirements for front and side yards shall be in accordance with the regulations of the zoning district in which the residence is located. Pools located on corner LOTS shall be

¹ Editor's Note: Specific fees are as set forth in the Fee Resolution on file in the BOROUGH Offices.

completely screened by evergreen planting when viewed from the side street.
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160.5.3. Enclosure.

160.5.3.1. Every swimming pool shall be protected by one (1) of the following methods:

160.5.3.1.1. A chain-link-type fence around the rear of the property or around the pool not exceeding four (4) feet in height.

160.5.3.1.2. A four-to-six-foot-high solid or closed-type fence, provided that such fence is within twelve (12) feet of the pool walls.

160.5.3.2. A pool whose walls are four (4) feet above ground level and which is equipped with an automatic retracting and locking ladder need not be fenced. The ladder must be locked in the closed position when the pool is not in use.

§ 160.6. Pool design, construction and equipment.

160.6.1. Portable pool design. The maximum depth of the pool shall be four (4) feet above ground level. The maximum area shall be seven hundred ten (710) square feet. The materials of construction shall be equal to recognized standards and shall withstand the pressures without undue distortion or damage. Diving boards are not permitted on portable pools.

160.6.2. Permanent pool design. All permanent pools must be designed to meet good engineering practices and should be equal to the minimum standards for residential swimming pools, most recent edition, as published by the National Swimming Pool Institute.

160.6.3. All filters, pumps and related pool equipment should be equal to the standards of the National Sanitation Foundation.

160.6.4. Wiring and grounding. All electric wiring installed shall be installed and properly grounded in conformity with National Electric Code standards, and the materials used or installed shall be as approved by National Underwriters Laboratory.

§ 160.7. Recirculation of water.

Every PERMANENT OR PORTABLE SWIMMING POOL shall be of the recirculation type in which circulation of water is maintained through the pool by one (1) or more pumps. The water drawn from the pool shall be filtered, returned to the pool and disinfected either before returning to the pool or at the place of return by the use of recognized and approved chemicals.

§ 160.8. Water supply.

No water other than that secured from the public waterworks distribution system or

private water approved by the Health Department shall be used in any PERMANENT OR PORTABLE SWIMMING POOL.

§ 160.9. Inlets.

Supply inlets for any PERMANENT OR PORTABLE SWIMMING POOL recirculatory system shall be located, to the extent possible, so as to produce a uniform circulation of water throughout the pool and to carry pool bottom deposits toward the outlet or outlets.

§ 160.10. DRAINAGE.

160.10.1. Every PERMANENT SWIMMING POOL of concrete construction must be equipped with adequate floor drains and valves to regulate flow of wastewater or pool DRAINAGE and must be piped into the sanitary sewer system.

160.10.2. Every vinyl or membrane-lined PERMANENT OR PORTABLE SWIMMING POOL must be equipped with sufficient hose or flexible piping to permit DRAINAGE by pumping through the sanitary sewer system of the dwelling.

§ 160.11. Sanitation.

Any means of germicidal or bacterial protection within the pool equal or superior to a standard of five-tenths (0.5) parts per million chlorine residual may be used in PERMANENT OR PORTABLE SWIMMING POOLS. Every swimming pool shall be equipped with a testing kit adequate to determine such residual.

§ 160.12. Violations and penalties.

Any PERSON, firm, CORPORATION, group or association violating any provisions or regulation of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof before any District Justice, be fined a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.), and upon any default in payment of said fine, may be committed to imprisonment in the Allegheny County Jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist by such PERSON after notice in writing shall constitute an additional, separate offense, punishable by like fine or penalty.