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Swimming Pools

Swimming pools can provide a great deal of recreational enjoyment and exercise, but they can also pose a serious danger if precautions are not taken to insure safety when left unattended and secured. Every year there are tragic news stories where someone has drowned in an unattended and unprotected swimming pool.

Swimming Pools:

Are any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches in depth. This includes in-ground, above ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

All swimming pools require a building permit prior to their placement, construction and use.

Some of the Building Code requirements for swimming pools:

- Swimming pools shall be provided with a barrier at least 48 inches above grade either a permanent wall or fence is considered a barrier.
- The barrier shall be at grade or in the case of some above ground pools mounted on top of the pool structure.
- Above ground pools that are 48 inches in height and are accessed via a ladder and/or stairs. The stairs and/or ladder shall be removal and/or retractable. Where fixed stairs/ladder is used; the stairs/ladder shall be protected by a barrier.
- When an access gate is installed within a barrier; the access gate shall be self closing and latching, the gate shall open outward away from the swimming pool.
- Where a wall of a dwelling is used as a barrier and there is direct access from the dwelling to the swimming pool.
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 - The pool shall be provided with a power safety cover
 - All doors with direct access through that wall shall be provided with an audible warning alarm

Convenient portable inflatable swimming pools that contain water over 24 inches are required to meet the same requirements as permanent swimming pools.

Reduce the risk of electrical shock

- Do not run extension cords to provide power for filtration and lighting in or around the swimming pool
- All electrical connection should be protected via arc fault circuits which will interrupt power when shorts are detected

Post rules on the use of your swimming pool in and around the pool area; be sure your family and guest are aware what the rules are. Be aware of the location of all young children and your guest when the pool is open, attended and particularly when un-attended.



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POOL PERMIT

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

HOUSE ON SEPTIC YES NO

RESIDENCE TYPE ☐ Single Family ☐ Multi-Family # of Units _____

Is the job near: Stream/River Pond Wetlands Lake or Not Applicable

Size of Pool _____

Size of Deck _____

CHECK OFF WHICH APPLIES

☐ Above Ground Pool ☐ with a Free Standing Deck ☐ with a Deck Attached to House

☐ Inground Pool ☐ Enclosed with a Free Standing Fence ☐ Enclosed w/a Fence that is attached to the house

Name of Applicant _____

Tel. No. _____

Applicant's Address _____

Name of Owner _____

Tel. No. _____

SIGNED UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

I hereby certify that the dimensions and other information presented to the Town are correct. Regarding Inground Pools, I fully understand that PRIOR to any water being introduced into the pool AND/OR before the pool can be utilized by either the applicant or the user of the property, a fence SHALL BE installed in accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the Town of Hudson General By-Laws. ALSO, that I SHALL comply with the conditions set forth under Chapter 4, Sections 421.10 through 421.11 of the Ma. State Building Code governing enclosures for outdoor private swimming pools and alarm systems. I also understand that I have to ensure the safety of the General Public while the pool is being constructed.

Applicant's Signature

THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF FENCES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE:

Snow Fence, chicken wire, construction fence or any other similar type of temporary fence not approved by this office.

I, the undersigned Owner Hereby apply for a Building Permit to comply with the MA State Building Code and all other applicable laws pertaining to the project; and that I will NOT have access to the Guaranty Fund (G.L. c. 142A, 13(b)) if I contract with an unregistered contractor or as the Contractor shall carry the proper insurance.

Applicant's Signature _____

Estimated Cost _____

Permit Fee _____

Board of Health _____

Permit Granted _____