

CHAPTER 5

BUILDING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I – SWIMMING POOLS

5-1-1 **LOCATION.** No portion of a swimming pool outside a building shall be located at a distance less than **eight (8) feet** from any side or rear property line or building line. Pumps, filters and pool water disinfection equipment installations shall be located at a distance not less than **eight (8) feet** from any side property line.

5-1-2 **FENCE/BARRIER REQUIREMENTS – IN-GROUND POOL.**

- (A) All in-ground swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a fence.
- (B) The top of the barrier shall be at least **forty-eight (48) inches** above grade measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the aquatic vessel around the entire perimeter of the vessel and for a distance of **three (3) feet** measured horizontally from the required barrier.
- (C) The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be **two (2) inches** from the surfaces that are not solid, such as grass or gravel and measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the vessel.
- (D) Where the top of the vessel is above grade, the barrier shall be at ground level or mounted on top of the vessel structure, and the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the vessel structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be **four (4) inches**. The maximum vertical clearance between a surface below the barrier to a solid surface, such as concrete, and the bottom of the required barrier shall be **four (4) inches** measured on the side of the required barrier which faces away from the vessel.
- (E) Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a **four (4) inch** diameter sphere.

5-1-3 **FENCE/BARRIER REQUIREMENTS – ON-GROUND POOL/SPAS.** Where

an on-ground residential pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the following shall apply:

- (A) An on-ground pool wall, itself, shall be permitted to be the barrier where the pool structure is on grade and the wall is at least **forty-eight (48) inches** above grade for the entire perimeter of the pool.
- (B) Where the means of access is a ladder or steps, the ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access or the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier that meets the requirements of this Section.
- (C) When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a **four (4) inch** diameter sphere.
- (D) The barrier shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.
- (E) Spas and hot tubs must include a lockable safety cover that complies with ASTM F1346. (305.1 General Exceptions)

(2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code)

5-1-4 **PENALTY.** Any person violating this Chapter shall be subject to penalty as provided in **Section 1-1-20** of the Revised Code for each offense.

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