

Chapter 31

SWIMMING POOLS*

* **Cross References:** Public swimming pools at outdoor assemblies, § 20-29(9); waterways, Ch. 37; zoning, Ch. 38.

Sec. 31-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Private shall mean that it is not open to the public, that it is not publicly owned, or not otherwise regulated by the state, either by statute or by rules or regulations of one of its administrative bodies.

Swimming pool shall mean any artificially constructed non-portable pool capable of being used for swimming or bathing, having a depth of two (2) feet or more at any point, or having a surface area exceeding two hundred fifty (250) square feet.

(Code 1977, § 8.21)

Cross References: Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 31-2. Permit.

A permit shall be applied for and issued from the building inspection department before construction shall begin on any swimming pool. The application for the permit shall be accompanied by a complete and detailed set of plans and specifications of the swimming pool and fence. Before any permit shall be issued such plans and specifications shall be approved by the building inspection department and before any swimming pool shall be used, a final inspection and approval must be had from both the building inspection department and the county health department.

(Code 1977, § 8.22)

Sec. 31-3. Right of entry.

The county health department and the city building inspection department shall have the right at any reasonable hour, subject to constitutional limitations, to inspect any swimming pool for the purpose of determining that all provisions of this chapter are fulfilled and complied with.

(Code 1977, § 8.34)

Sec. 31-4. Electric wires.

No exposed electric wires shall be nearer than five (5) feet from the water's edge, nor shall any exposed and permanently installed electric wire within twenty-five (25) feet from the water's edge to be less than ten (10) feet above ground or pool apron, nor shall wires of any kind cross or be over the water surface unless otherwise approved by the electrical inspector. All other water lighting shall be accomplished by the use of methods and materials approved for such purpose.

(Code 1977, § 8.23)

Sec. 31-5. Cross-connections.

There shall be no cross-connection of the city water supply or with any other source of water supply for the pool. The line from the city water supply to the pool shall be protected against back flow of polluted water by means of an air gap and shall discharge at least six (6) inches above the maximum high water level of the make-up tank of the pool.

(Code 1977, § 8.24)

Sec. 31-6. Sewer connection.

There shall be no direct connection from swimming pool to any sewer. No swimming pool shall drain into the sanitary sewer system.

(Code 1977, § 8.25)

Sec. 31-7. Wastewater.

The construction of the pool shall be made in such a manner that all scum, splash and deck water shall not return to the pool except through the filter system.

(Code 1977, § 8.26)

Sec. 31-8. Cleanliness.

The pool shall be kept free at all times of floating material, sediment and debris either by an automatic surface skimmer, scum gutter or by some other means approved by the county health department.

(Code 1977, § 8.27)

Sec. 31-9. Filtration.

The entire recirculation system shall be capable of filtering and recirculating the entire volume content of the pool during a twelve-hour period. The rate of application of pool water on the filters shall not be greater than five (5) gallons per minute per square foot of filter area. The county health department may approve other rates of recirculation or rates of application of water on the filters.

(Code 1977, § 8.28)

Sec. 31-10. Disinfecting agents.

(a) A provision shall be made for positive germicidal or bacterial control by the use of chlorine or other such disinfecting agents as may be approved by the county health department.

(b) Such disinfecting agents shall be applied to the pool water at a uniform rate.

(c) Provisions shall be made for adjusting the application thereof so as to keep germicidal or bacterial protection of the water in the pool equal to a standard specified by the state department of public health.

(d) Testing devices capable of accurately measuring such residual shall be provided.
(Code 1977, § 8.29)

Sec. 31-11. Fence.

All swimming pools shall be enclosed by a fence which is at least four (4) feet in height and of a type not readily climbed by children. The gates shall be of a self-closing and latching type with the latch on the inside of the gate, not readily available for children to open. If the entire premises of the residence or property is enclosed with a fence of the required type, then this provision may be waived by the building inspection department upon inspection and approval thereof.

(Code 1977, § 8.30)

Sec. 31-12. Depth; diving area.

In the pool diving area minimum depths shall be as follows:

Maximum distance above water boards	Minimum depth five feet from tip of diving board
18 to 30 inches	8 feet
17 inches	7 feet 11 inches
16 inches	7 feet 10 inches
15 inches	7 feet 9 inches

- (1) For each one (1) inch of decrease of diving board height below eighteen (18) inches the required minimum depth shall decrease one (1) inch.
- (2) No diving board shall be more than thirty (30) inches above the water level.
- (3) If diving board is used, the depth of the water shall be clearly shown by numerals at the diving area.

(Code 1977, § 8.31)

Sec. 31-13. Noise control.

It shall be unlawful for any person to make or cause any loud, offensive or unnecessary noise or sound which annoys or disturbs the comfort, peace or safety of others. In the operation of a swimming pool the use, permitting the use or operating of any radio, receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph or any other machine or device for producing of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace and comfort of others shall be unlawful.

(Code 1977, § 8.32)

Cross References: Noise control generally, § 18-86 et seq.

Sec. 31-14. Lighting.

All lighting for swimming pools shall be so shielded, arranged and operated as to prevent annoyance to neighboring premises.

(Code 1977, § 8.33)