

Private Swimming Pool

(1) No portion of the swimming pool or associated structures shall be permitted to encroach upon any easement or right-of-way which has been granted for public utility use.

(2) No portion of a swimming pool or associated structures shall be located in a required front or side yard. There shall not be less than four (4) feet of distance between the pool wall and any building on the lot. (30 Jun, 84)

(3) For the protection of the general public, any swimming pool, spa, hot tub and other similar apparatus (below ground or above ground) located out of doors which is capable of holding a depth of more than 24 inches (610mm) of water at any one point shall be completely enclosed by a barrier which complies with the current Michigan Building Code as amended and set at a distance of not less than four feet from the outside perimeter of the pool wall.

The top of the barrier shall not be less than 48 inches above grade measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the swimming pool. The vertical clearance between the grade and the bottom of the barrier shall not be greater than 2 inches measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, the barrier is authorized to be at ground level or mounted on top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall not be greater than 4 inches. (1 July, 2015)

(4) A pool that is equipped with a power safety cover or a spa with a safety cover complying with the current Michigan Building Code, as amended, shall be exempt from the requirements in 22.03(j)(3) above. (1 July, 2015)

(5) Pool Structure as a barrier. Where an above-ground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps, then 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 the current Michigan Building Code, as amended. Where the ladder or steps are secured, locked, or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch-diameter sphere. (1 July, 2015)