

Chapter 80. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

§ 80-6. Definitions.

*Town of St. Joseph, WI
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SWIMMING POOL

Includes but is not limited to all swimming pools (both above ground and in-ground), spas and hot tubs that require ground to be broken and/or excavation for their installation and/or those that exceed 5,000 gallons. UDC Uniform Dwelling Code.

§ 80-19. Swimming pools.

- A. A permit shall be required.
- B. An application for a building permit shall show:
- (1) The type and size of the pool.
 - (2) A site plan, to include:
 - (a) Location of the pool.
 - (b) Location of the house, garage, fencing, well, drain field and septic tank on the lot.
 - (c) Location of filter unit, pump and wiring (involving location).
 - (d) Location of back-flush and drainage outlets.
 - (e) Grading plan, finished elevations and final treatment (decking, landscaping, etc.) around pool.
 - (f) Location of existing overhead or underground wiring, utility easements, trees and similar features.
- C. In single-family and two-family districts:
- (1) Pools for which a permit is required shall not be located within 25 feet of any side or rear lot line nor within 10 feet of any principal structure or frost footing. Pools shall not be located within any required front yard or within 15 feet of a septic tank or 25 feet of the well. Pools shall not be located within 15 feet of any deck surface more than two feet higher than the pool.
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 - (2) Pools shall not be located beneath overhead utility lines nor over underground utility lines of any type.
 - (3) Pools shall not be located in an alternate septic field/drain field site.
 - (4) Pools shall not be located in or on any easement of any private or public utility, walkway, drainage area or other easement.
 - (5) For in-ground pools, due precautions shall be taken during the construction period to:
 - (a) Avoid damage, hazards or inconvenience to adjacent or nearby property.
 - (b) Assure that proper care shall be taken in stockpiling excavated material to avoid erosion, dust or other infringement onto adjacent property.
 - (6) To the extent feasible, back-flush water or water from pool drainage shall be discharged on the owner's property or into approved public drainageways. Water shall not drain onto adjacent or nearby private land without the written permission of the adjacent owner.
 - (7) The filter unit, pump, heating unit and any other noisemaking mechanical equipment shall be located at least 30 feet from any adjacent or nearby residential structure or shall be enclosed in a sound-restrictive enclosure not closer than 25 feet to any lot line.
 - (8) Lighting for the pool shall be directed into or onto the pool and not onto adjacent property.
 - (9) A nonclimbable safety barrier of at least five feet in height shall completely enclose the pool and be so constructed as not to have voids, holes or openings larger than four inches in one dimension. Pools may be enclosed with a nonclimbable safety barrier at least four feet in height that completely encloses the pool if the pool has a cover or other protective device over such swimming pool of such a design and material that the same can be securely fastened in place and when in place shall meet Federal Safety Commission guidelines or the ASTM standards and their successors. Such cover or protective device shall be securely fastened in place at all times when the swimming pool is not in actual use for swimming or bathing purposes. Gates or doors shall be kept locked while the pool is not in actual use.
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 - (10) Water in the pool shall be maintained in a suitable manner to avoid health hazards.
 - (11) All wiring, lighting, installation of heating unit, grading, installation of pipes and all other installations and construction shall be subject to inspection by the Building Inspector.
 - (12) Required safety fencing shall be installed immediately upon completing the pool.
 - (13) There shall be no nuisances, such as undue noise, lighting onto adjacent property, health and safety hazards, damage to nearby vegetation, etc.

(14) Drainage of pools into public streets or other public drainageways shall require permission of the Town Chairperson.