

Summary of Swimming Pool Regulations

CITY OF WADSWORTH

1. Installations of above or in ground pools require a Zoning Certificate from the City Planning Department. The zoning application must include the pool dimensions; and the location of the pool and any fencing in relation to the side, rear and front property lines.
2. Detached pools are required to be 5 ft. from the rear and side property lines, and 25 to 50 ft. from the front line depending on zoning district. (Corner lots are considered to have two front yards).
3. Deck surrounds on above ground pools or patios surrounding in ground pools must also meet 5 ft. setback requirements.
4. A 4 ft. high fence, impassable by small children, is required for structures that contain 24" or more of water. Pools whose sides (or attached fencing), are 48" or greater above grade meet this requirement. All pools/fencing must have a locking gate or removable stairs and must comply with the City of Wadsworth Ordinance §93.09. (See §93.49 below this page).
5. Electrical installations for heating & filtration equipment servicing an above or below ground pools require an electrical permit from the City Building Department and may be obtained by a licensed contractor or a resident homeowner who performs the work himself.
6. "Kiddie" pools, wading pools and/or other inflatable/portable pools which contain less than 24" of water shall not be required to obtain a zoning permit but should nonetheless adhere to setbacks requirements noted above. An electric permit may be needed if pool contains filtration system.
7. Current Permit Costs for Residential Pools:

Zoning Permit	\$25.00
Electric Permit	\$50.00

Additional information may be obtained from the City of Wadsworth at 330-335-2753.

§ 93.09 FENCING REQUIRED AROUND BODIES OF WATER.

(A) No person being the owner of land containing a swimming pool, or other body of water whose design and location constitutes a drowning hazard to children, shall fail to enclose such swimming pool or other body of water with a fence maintained in such a condition as to prevent the passage of children to fence height of four feet in compliance with the city Building Code. Such fences may contain gates, provided they are kept closed with a locking device except when in actual use by persons entitled to enter the enclosed area. This section does not apply to any swimming pool or other body of water located entirely within a building or owned by any governmental entity.

(B) It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge under division (A) above, that the swimming pool, or open body of water involved was less than 24 inches at the time of the alleged violation.

(C) Whoever violates division (A) above shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

('65 Code, § 521.12) (Ord. 107-76, passed 11-16-76; Am. Ord. 02-049, passed 4-23-02)

Cross-reference:

For misdemeanor classifications, see § [130.99](#)