

**East Fallowfield Township  
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**PERMIT REQUIREMENTS POOLS**

East Fallowfield adopts the Uniform Construction Code and amendments. Therefore, all building permit applications for residential and commercial construction must comply with the Uniform Construction Code Administrative and Enforcement Regulations of The Uniform Construction Code, Act 45 of 1999 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS:**

1. All permit applications will follow the guidelines of Section 403.62a of the Rules and Regulations of the Uniform Construction Code Administrative and Enforcement Regulations.
2. A completed application for Building Permit Application and (2) copies of all construction drawing of project must be submitted
3. A completed Electrical Permit Application and two (2) copies of all wiring diagrams.
4. Submit a Contractors Certificate of Insurance for all contractors.
5. Submit a completed Zoning Permit Application with all required information and **PLOT PLAN**.
6. All plot plans are to show all structures and all distances to all property lines.
7. Two (2) copies of all documents must be submitted.
8. A Detail of the fence Must be submitted and comply with the 2006 I.R.C. Appendix G Section 101 thru section 108. (See attached requirements)
9. Failure to complete all above items will result in a delay for the permit being reviewed for compliance and issued.
10. **United Inspections Inc.** will do all Electrical Inspections and can be contacted by phone at 215- 542-9977 to schedule an inspection
11. A Letter from your Home Owner's Association approving you proposed application. If your community has a Home Owner's Association.

**REQUIRED INSPECTIONS:**

1. **ALL POOLS INSPECTIONS REQUIRED TO BE IN WRITING WITH 48-HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE AND FAXED TO THE TOWNSHIP AT 610-384-7143. UNITED INSPECTION WILL**  
**DUE ALL ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS**
2. A Steel inspection prior to placing of concrete over the steel
3. A Electrical inspection prior to placing concrete over the steel
4. If applicable, a Grading Inspection will be required prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
5. A Certificate of Occupancy will be issued after all inspections are signed off by all parties that have performed the required inspections for the occupancy request.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. All Inspection requests require a written notice of 48 hours and can be faxed to 610-384-7143
2. All information must appear on the Inspection request: Name of Development, lot number, address and type of inspection requested and contact person's phone number
3. All structures must be clean and free of all construction materials and safety standards met.
4. All items that need to be corrected must be done so and re-inspected before any other work may be performed.
5. All Permit Fees are to be paid as per the Fee Schedule of East Fallowfield Township
6. **Note-** there are special exclusions from the Uniform Construction Code, however, that does not exclude them from East Fallowfield Zoning Permits requirements.
7. All Occupancy requests must be in writing and contain the following information:
  - A. Permit Number and address of residential building.
  - B. Contractor name and address of the building
  - C. A description of the portion of the residential building covered by the occupancy permit.
  - D. Plan Approval date of the permit
  - E. Any special stipulations and conditions relating to the building permit.

Please contact me at 484-325-0041 for questions or information regarding the above.

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Building Code Official  
Keystone Municipal Services

## APPENDIX G

# SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

### SECTION AG101 GENERAL

**AG101.1 General.** The provisions of this appendix shall control the design and construction of swimming pools, spas and hot tubs installed in or on the lot of a one- or two-family dwelling.

### SECTION AG102 DEFINITIONS

**AG102.1 General.** For the purposes of these requirements, the terms used shall be defined as follows and as set forth in Chapter 2.

**ABOVE-GROUND/ON-GROUND POOL.** See "Swimming pool."

**BARRIER.** A fence, wall, building wall or combination thereof which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool.

**HOT TUB.** See "Swimming pool."

**IN-GROUND POOL.** See "Swimming pool."

**RESIDENTIAL.** That which is situated on the premises of a detached one- or two-family dwelling or a one-family townhouse not more than three stories in height.

**SPA, NONPORTABLE.** See "Swimming pool."

**SPA, PORTABLE.** A nonpermanent structure intended for recreational bathing, in which all controls, water-heating and water-circulating equipment are an integral part of the product.

**SWIMMING POOL.** Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches (610 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

**SWIMMING POOL, INDOOR.** A swimming pool which is totally contained within a structure and surrounded on all four sides by the walls of the enclosing structure.

**SWIMMING POOL, OUTDOOR.** Any swimming pool which is not an indoor pool.

### SECTION AG103 SWIMMING POOLS

**AG103.1 In-ground pools.** In-ground pools shall be designed and constructed in conformance with ANSI/NSPI-5 as listed in Section AG108.

**AG103.2 Above-ground and on-ground pools.** Above-ground and on-ground pools shall be designed and constructed in conformance with ANSI/NSPI-4 as listed in Section AG108.

### SECTION AG104 SPAS AND HOT TUBS

**AG104.1 Permanently installed spas and hot tubs.** Permanently installed spas and hot tubs shall be designed and constructed in conformance with ANSI/NSPI-3 as listed in Section AG108.

**AG104.2 Portable spas and hot tubs.** Portable spas and hot tubs shall be designed and constructed in conformance with ANSI/NSPI-6 as listed in Section AG108.

### SECTION AG105 BARRIER REQUIREMENTS

**AG105.1 Application.** The provisions of this chapter shall control the design of barriers for residential swimming pools, spas and hot tubs. These design controls are intended to provide protection against potential drownings and near-drownings by restricting access to swimming pools, spas and hot tubs.

**AG105.2 Outdoor swimming pool.** An outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, above-ground or on-ground pool, hot tub or spa shall be surrounded by a barrier which shall comply with the following:

1. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51 mm) measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, such as an above-ground pool, the barrier may be at ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted on top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (102 mm).
2. Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.
3. Solid barriers which do not have openings, such as a masonry or stone wall, shall not contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.
4. Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches (1143 mm), the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches (44 mm) in width. Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches (44 mm) in width.

5. Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is 45 inches (1143 mm) or more, spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 4 inches (102 mm). Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches (44 mm) in width.
6. Maximum mesh size for chain link fences shall be a  $2\frac{1}{4}$ -inch (57 mm) square unless the fence has slats fastened at the top or the bottom which reduce the openings to not more than  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches (44 mm).
7. Where the barrier is composed of diagonal members, such as a lattice fence, the maximum opening formed by the diagonal members shall not be more than  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches (44 mm).
8. Access gates shall comply with the requirements of Section AG105.2, Items 1 through 7, and shall be equipped to accommodate a locking device. Pedestrian access gates shall open outward away from the pool and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device. Gates other than pedestrian access gates shall have a self-latching device. Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism and openings shall comply with the following:
  - 8.1. The release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate at least 3 inches (76 mm) below the top of the gate; and
  - 8.2. The gate and barrier shall have no opening larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (13 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the release mechanism.
9. Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier, one of the following conditions shall be met:
  - 9.1. The pool shall be equipped with a powered safety cover in compliance with ASTM F 1346; or
  - 9.2. Doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door and/or its screen, if present, are opened. The alarm shall be listed in accordance with UL 2017. The audible alarm shall activate within 7 seconds and sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds after the door and/or its screen, if present, are opened and be capable of being heard throughout the house during normal household activities. The alarm shall automatically reset under all conditions. The alarm system shall be equipped with a manual means, such as touch pad or switch, to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Deactivation shall last for not more than 15 seconds. The deactivation switch(es) shall be located at least 54 inches (1372 mm) above the threshold of the door; or
  - 9.3. Other means of protection, such as self-closing doors with self-latching devices, which are approved by the governing body, shall be acceptable so long as the degree of protection afforded

is not less than the protection afforded by Item 9.1 or 9.2 described above.

10. 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:
  - 10.1. The ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access; or
  - 10.2. The ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets the requirements of Section AG105.2, Items 1 through 9. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.

**AG105.3 Indoor swimming pool.** Walls surrounding an indoor swimming pool shall comply with Section AG105.2, Item 9.

**AG105.4 Prohibited locations.** Barriers shall be located to prohibit permanent structures, equipment or similar objects from being used to climb them.

**AG105.5 Barrier exceptions.** Spas or hot tubs with a safety cover which complies with ASTM F 1346, as listed in Section AG107, shall be exempt from the provisions of this appendix.

## SECTION AG106 ENTRAPMENT PROTECTION FOR SWIMMING POOL AND SPA SUCTION OUTLETS

**AG106.1 General.** Suction outlets shall be designed to produce circulation throughout the pool or spa. Single-outlet systems, such as automatic vacuum cleaner systems, or multiple suction outlets, whether isolated by valves or otherwise, shall be protected against user entrapment.

**AG106.2 Suction fittings.** Pool and spa suction outlets shall have a cover that conforms to ANSI/ASME A112.19.8M, or an 18 inch × 23 inch (457 mm by 584 mm) drain grate or larger, or an approved channel drain system.

**Exception:** Surface skimmers

**AG106.3 Atmospheric vacuum relief system required.** Pool and spa single- or multiple-outlet circulation systems shall be equipped with atmospheric vacuum relief should grate covers located therein become missing or broken. This vacuum relief system shall include at least one approved or engineered method of the type specified herein, as follows:

1. Safety vacuum release system conforming to ASME A112.19.17; or
2. An approved gravity drainage system.

**AG106.4 Dual drain separation.** Single or multiple pump circulation systems have a minimum of two suction outlets of the approved type. A minimum horizontal or vertical distance of 3 feet (914 mm) shall separate the outlets. These suction outlets shall be piped so that water is drawn through them simultaneously through a vacuum-relief-protected line to the pump or pumps.

**AG106.5 Pool cleaner fittings.** Where provided, vacuum or pressure cleaner fitting(s) shall be located in an accessible posi-

tion(s) at least 6 inches (152 mm) and not more than 12 inches (305 mm) below the minimum operational water level or as an attachment to the skimmer(s).

UL

UL2017-2000 Standard for General-purpose Signaling Devices and Systems—with Revisions through June 2004. . . . . AG105.2

**SECTION AG107  
ABBREVIATIONS**

**AG107.1 General.**

ANSI—American National Standards Institute  
11 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036

ASME—American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Three Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10016-5990

ASTM—ASTM International  
100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428

NSPI—National Spa and Pool Institute  
2111 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314

UL—Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.  
333 Pfingsten Road  
Northbrook, Illinois 60062-2096

**SECTION AG108  
STANDARDS**

**AG108.1 General.**

**ANSI/NSPI**

ANSI/NSPI-3-99 Standard for Permanently Installed Residential Spas. . . . . AG104.1

ANSI/NSPI-4-99 Standard for Above-ground/On-ground Residential Swimming Pools . . . . . AG103.2

ANSI/NSPI-5-99 Standard for Residential In-ground Swimming Pools . . . . . AG103.1

ANSI/NSPI-6-99 Standard for Residential Portable Spas . . . . . AG104.2

ANSI/NSPI-5-2003 Standard for Residential In-ground Swimming Pools . . . . . AG103.1

ANSI/ASME A112.19.8M-1987 (R1996) Suction Fittings for Use in Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs and Whirlpool Bathing Appliances . . . . . AG106.2

**ASTM**

ASTM F 1346-91 (2003) Performance Specification for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs . . . . . AG105.2, AG105.5

**ASME**

ASME A112.19.17 Manufacturers Safety Vacuum Release Systems (SVRS) for Residential and Commercial Swimming Pool, Spa, Hot Tub and Wading Pool. . . . . AG106.3