



Swimming Pool Installation

The following information is provided to assist in the planning and installation of swimming pools and hot tubs within the City of Vandalia, OH.

- **Pool, Fence and Electric** Permits are required prior to installation of any swimming pool or hot tub.
- **Swimming pools and hot tubs requiring a permit are defined in Code Section 1244.02 as:** A water filled enclosure, permanently or portable, having the capability of a depth of more than eighteen inches below the level of the surrounding land, or an above-surface pool, having the capability of a depth of more than 24 inches, designed, used and maintained for swimming or bathing by the residents, tenants, or occupants of the subject property. This definition includes hot tubs and spas.
- **Permit Application:** Applications shall be filed with the Development and Engineering Services (DES) Department in the Municipal Building located at 333 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive. A Site Plan shall be submitted with the application illustrating the easements of record, other buildings and structures on the property, fencing, gates and the distances to electric overhead/underground wires. Applications may be obtained in the DES office or at www.vandaliaohio.org. Click the “Obtain a Permit” icon.
- **Location:** The pool or hot tub shall be located in the rear yard and setback 5 feet from all property lines and located outside all recorded easements. The pool or hot tub shall be setback 5 feet from any underground electrical wire and setback 10 feet from any overhead electrical wire. Any pumps and filters shall be setback 10 feet from all property lines.
- **Barrier:** Pools shall be equipped with a barrier in compliance with Code Section 1224.01(e)(25).
- **Electric:** The Electric Code is complex in relation to pool installations. It may prove to be beneficial to the Applicant to hire a licensed electrical contractor. It is necessary to ascertain that all the requirements of the National Electric Code (NEC) have been met. All inspections for electric must be approved prior to using the pool. If you choose not to hire an electrician, the City strongly recommends discussing the electrical requirements with our Electrical Inspector prior to doing any installations.
- **Approval:** Plans must be reviewed and permits must be issued prior to the installation of the pool or hot tub. Permits are issued and/or comments are made regarding necessary revisions generally within two weeks from the date of the application submittal.
- **Contact:** Should you have any questions concerning this information, please feel free to contact the City Planner at 937-415-2301. For questions specific to electric, please contact the Building Official at 937-415-2322.