

## Chapter 8-8

### SWIMMING POOLS

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No person shall construct a swimming pool, or any alteration, addition, remodeling or other improvement to such pool, without a permit herefor, nor maintain such pool contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance. Such person shall make application to the Code Enforcement Officer for a permit to construct, alter, add to, remodel or otherwise improve such pool. Plans and specifications, including the plot plan, as well as other pertinent explanatory data, shall be submitted with each application. Upon approval by the Code Enforcement Officer of such plans as meet the requirements of this Ordinance, and the payment of a permit fee computed in accordance with the table of building permit fees set forth in this Code, the Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a building permit.

A "swimming pool" as used in this Ordinance shall mean any body of water which has a minimum depth of eighteen (18) inches or more in an artificial or semi-artificial receptacle of permanent or temporary construction, movable or immovable.

#### **Section 8-8-2 Uniform Code**

Pursuant to published notice and public hearing as required by law, the Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code and Swimming Pool Standards, 1993 Edition are hereby adopted in full with the exception that Section 1.11 of said Code, relating to Schedule of Fees, shall not be applicable.

#### **Section 8-8-3 Design Requirements, Plumbing**

All cross connections between the City water supply or the sewer system and the plumbing of a swimming pool shall be constructed in accordance with the City Plumbing Code.

No swimming pool drain shall be connected to or drained into any part of the private or public storm sewer system; nor shall same be drained onto the public streets or sidewalks so as to create a nuisance, hazard, or dangerous condition, such as freezing on streets or sidewalks; nor shall the same be drained

onto the property of others.

#### **Section 8-8-4 Design Requirements, Electrical**

Any electrical equipment used in any way in connection with a swimming pool, shall be installed by a licensed electrician. An electric permit must be applied for and obtained before construction begins.

All electrical work shall meet the National Electrical Code. All wiring must be conduit.

In addition to the above paragraph, all electrical installation shall include the proper "Ground Fault Interrupter."

No additional wiring of any type shall be installed on existing pools without installing the proper "Ground Fault Interrupter."

#### **Section 8-8-5 Enclosure Of Swimming Pool**

Every outdoor swimming pool shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than five (5) feet in height and at least four (4) feet from each side of the pool. Such fence or wall shall be non-climbable, and shall be constructed sufficiently strong and of such structural design as to make the pool inaccessible to small children, such as chain link fence with posts and rails on the inside or vertical board or stockade fence with posts and rails on the inside. There shall not be a distance greater than ten (10) feet between fence posts.

#### **Section 8-8-6 Exception To Requirement Of Enclosure**

In lieu of maintaining a fence as provided for in Section 8-8-5, the owner or operator of a swimming pool may provide a competent person who shall keep the pool under observation at all times while water is kept in the pool. In the event the pool is not under the observation of such competent person, a pool cover or other protective device approved by the Building Official may be used.

#### **Section 8-8-7 Gates**

All gates or doors opening to the swimming pool shall be equipped with a self-closing or self-latching device with locking provisions for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use.

#### **Section 8-8-8 Applicability**

The requirements for enclosures and for a gate or door shall also be applicable to swimming pools heretofore constructed.

#### **Section 8-8-9 Swimming Pool Certificate Of Occupancy**

No person shall maintain or use a swimming pool unless a certificate of occupancy has been issued as provided for in Section 308 of the Uniform Building Code.

#### **Section 8-8-10 Annual Inspections**

All swimming pools, private and public, located in the City of Storm Lake shall be inspected annually by the Code Enforcement Officer. All electric, plumbing, gates and enclosures shall be checked for proper upkeep, maintenance and compliance with Codes and regulations.

#### **Section 8-8-11 Annual Inspection Fees**

The annual inspection fees for pools shall be set by Council Resolution . Said fee shall be paid at the time the inspection is made.

(Ord. 12-O-2004-2005, Amended, 12/06/2004)

#### **Section 8-8-12 Municipal Infraction**

A violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter shall constitute a Municipal infraction subject to the penalties and alternative relief authorized by Title 1, Chapter 20 of this Code and by Section 364.22 of the Code of Iowa.