



Swimming Pools

City of Prior Lake Requirements

This handout is intended to be a guide only.

Specific code language can be found in the City Codes at: PriorLakeMN.gov

Planning and Zoning - Chapter 10 & MN Dept Labor & Industry: 2020 Minnesota Residential Code

**** Permits are required for pools, inground or above ground, having a water surface area exceeding 200 square feet and a water depth of not less than 24".**

****Temporary Above Ground Pools erected for a maximum of six (6) months holding less than 5000 gallons that are drained and stored for the winter do not require a permit.**

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Submit a completed Swimming Pool Permit application, including all appropriate supporting documentation.
- Submit a completed Zoning Request for a Fence, including all appropriate supporting documentation.
- If property **IS in the Shoreland Overlay District** or the pool is proposed at the minimum setback requirements, a Certificate of Survey prepared by a licensed surveyor **is required. A Certificate of Survey for the property may be on file at City Hall if the house was built after 1984.** Attached is an example of a property with locations for a pool and fence enclosure which is **intended as a guide only.**

ZONING REQUIREMENTS

- Property irons must be located prior to erecting a pool. The City of Prior Lake does not provide survey services. It is the responsibility of the landowner to locate property lines.
- Properties located in the Shoreland District must verify 30% impervious surface maximum requirement.

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(a) Single Family Residential:

- Pools shall not be located within ten (10) feet of any rear lot line nor within five (5) feet of any side lot line, nor within six (6) feet of any principal structure or frost footing, including deck footings.
- The filter unit, pump, heating unit and any other noise making mechanical equipment shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from any residential building on adjacent property and not closer than eight (8) feet to any lot line.
- Pools shall not be located within any required front yard. Corner lots have two (2) front yards.

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(b) Multi-Family Dwelling: Private swimming pools intended for and used by occupants and guests, or occupants of multiple-family dwellings shall adhere to the following regulations:

- No part of the water surface of the swimming pool shall be closer than fifty (50) feet to any lot line.
- No pump, filter or other apparatus used in connection with the pool shall be closer than fifty (50) feet to any lot line.
- The pool area shall be adequately fenced to prevent uncontrolled access from the street or adjacent property as contained in Chapter 3-93 (g). Adequate screening including, but not limited to, landscaping shall be placed between the pool area and adjoining single-family district lot lines.
- All deck areas, adjoining patios or other similar areas used in conjunction with a pool, shall be located at least fifteen (15) feet from any lot line in an adjoining Single-Family District.

BUILDING REQUIREMENTS



Chain Link Fences are not permitted in the Front Yard.

- All swimming pools for which a permit is required and granted shall be provided with safe guards to prevent children from gaining uncontrolled access. This is best accomplished with fencing. A fence shall be at least four (4) feet in height. The fence shall have vertical rails such that a sphere four (4) inches in diameter cannot pass through. The bottom of the fence shall not be more than four (4) inches from the ground. Fences shall be constructed as to be not easily climbable.



The 'finished' side of the fence (having no structural supports) must face to the outside, away from the property being fenced.

Acceptable: board on board, vertical spindles, non-climbable chain link (spaces between links of 1 1/4" or less).

Not acceptable: horizontal rails, climbable chain link, colored plastic hazard fencing.

- All fence openings or points of entry into the pool enclosure shall be equipped with gates or doors. All gates or doors to swimming pools shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching device placed as high as possible on the four (4) foot fence. Above ground pools with ladders shall have a four (4) foot high entrance area protected barrier.
- Any pool lighting shall be directed toward the pool and not toward adjacent property.
- All wiring, installation of heating units, grading, installation of pipe or other construction shall be subject to separate permits and inspections.
- Nuisances, such as undue noise, lighting of adjacent property, health and safety hazards, damage to vegetation on adjoining property, and the like, shall not be permitted.
- Pools shall not be filled with water until approved four (4) foot high safety fence is in place and passes inspection.
- Pools, aprons, or decks cannot be located within an easement.
- Pools cannot be filled from a fire hydrant.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS:

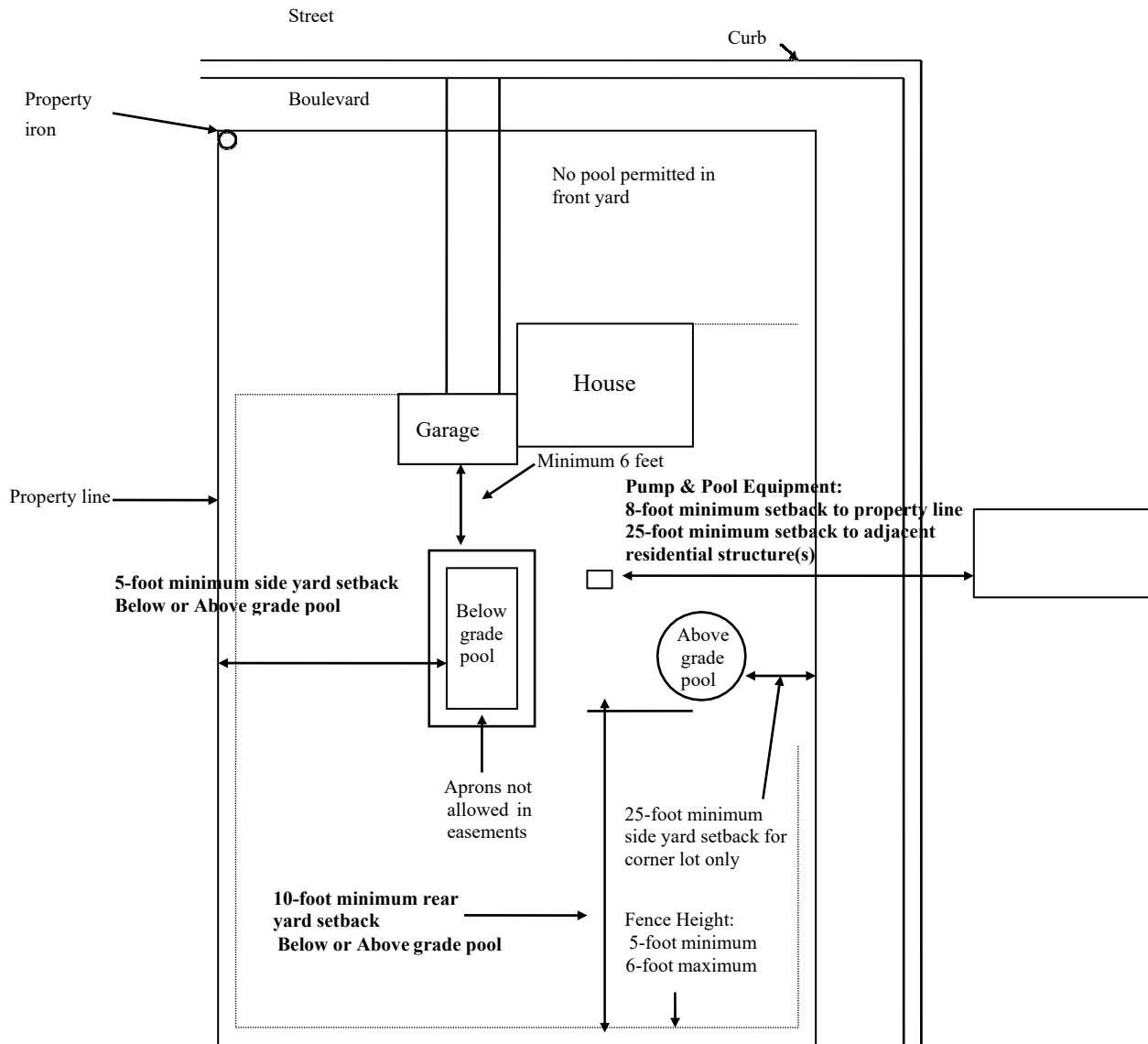
- Footing: When the pool has been dug and forms have been erected.
- Rough In: Includes the installation of a four (4) foot high safety fence and the passing of the state electrical rough-in for pumps. Rough-in will be performed **before** water is added to pools.
- Final: When the pool, four (4) foot high pool enclosure, and gates have been installed; State electrical final has been completed and signed off; pool and deck are completed; and sod is done.

GENERAL NOTES:

- The stamped, approved plans and survey shall be kept on the job site until the final inspection has been made.
- The Inspection Record Card shall be placed on an outside exterior wall near the pool and shall remain posted until the final inspection has been made. Cards should be protected from the weather.
- Email permits@PriorLakeMN.gov to arrange an inspection.
- Prior to digging, call Gopher State Services at 811 to verify utility locations. Forty-eight (48) hour notice is required, excluding weekdays and holidays.

ALLOW 24 HOURS FOR ALL INSPECTIONS!

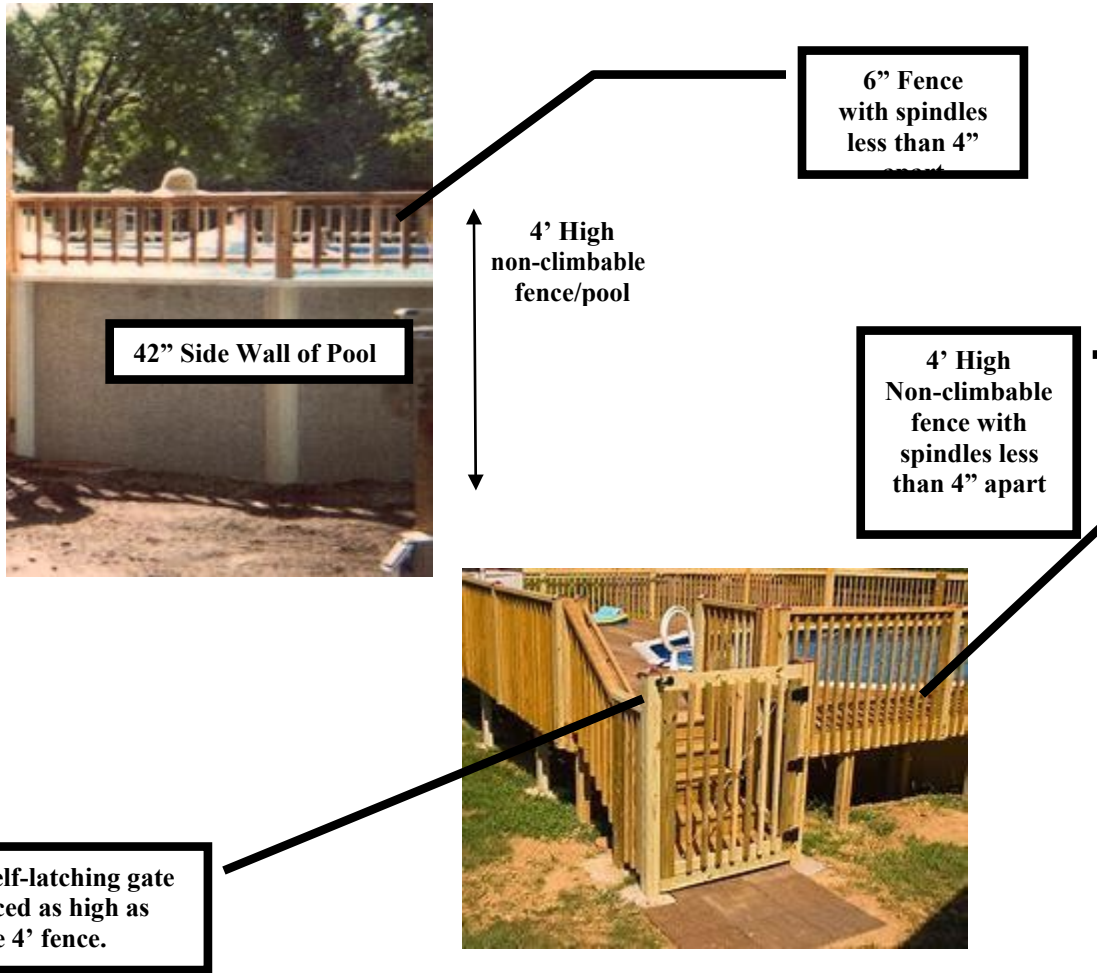
EXAMPLE:
Location of swimming pool on a lot
This illustration is intended as a guide only.



NOTES:

- Pools shall not be located within ten (10) feet horizontally from underground or overhead utility lines.
- Decks adjacent to above-ground pools are considered structures and must meet all structure setbacks.
- Pools and aprons cannot be located in any drainage or utility easement.
- Separate permits are required for heating and electrical.
- Call Gopher State One Call at 811 before excavation.

EXAMPLE: ABOVE GROUND POOL REQUIREMENTS - These illustrations are intended as a guide only.



EXAMPLE: TEMPORARY ABOVE GROUND SWIMMING POOL EXEMPT FROM PERMIT REQUIREMENT.



Call Gopher State One before excavation at 811.

Separate permits are required for Mechanical and Electrical.