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Rules and Regulations Regarding the Installation and Construction Of Private Swimming Pools

The following page of rules and regulations have been excerpted and organized for the benefit if property owners wishing to install a private swimming pool (above or in-ground pool). Please read them carefully and contact the Inspection Services Office with any question you may have at 323-0402.

Permit Fees: Building Permit for above ground: $50.00
Inground: $100.00
Electrical permit (work done by licensed electricians)
Above ground: $70.00**
Inground: $70.00

Inspections: **Above ground pools** require one inspection by the Building Inspector upon completion and **two inspections by the Electrical Inspector – for the trench and upon completion – if these are one combined inspection the fee is $35.00

In-ground Pools require two inspections by the Building Inspector for the pool 'frame' and upon completion and Two inspections by the Electrical Inspector for the bonding and final

1) All installations must conform to the Belchertown Zoning by-Laws (setbacks, fence requirements; the Massachusetts State Building Code 780 CMR, Section 625.0; and the Massachusetts State Electrical Code 527 CMR 12.00, Article 680.
2) A barrier must enclose all means of access to pool. According to 780 CMR-Sixth Edition, 421.10 Enclosures for private swimming pools, spas and hot tubs: In lieu of any zoning laws or ordinances to the contrary, private swimming pools, spas and hot tubs shall be enclosed in accordance with 780 CMR 421.10.1 or by other approved barriers. i.e.; 4' tall fence required around pool – if pool sides are 48" no fence required.
3) Setbacks from foundations (10ft. minimum) and septic systems (tank 10ft, leaching area 20 ft.) are recommended per 310 CMR 15:00 (Title V). 10 feet off property line.
4) Self-latching/self closing gate.
5) For pools with direct access from the house, the door leading from the house must have an alarm
6) No "A" ladders allowed