

TOWNSHIP OF
— MIDDLETOWN —
BUCKS COUNTY

Swimming Pool,

Hot Tub

Spa and Sauna

Requirements/Regulations

SWIMMING POOL INFORMATION – ABOVE-GROUND & IN-GROUND

IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT, YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

- **Two (2)** plot plans indicating where on your property the pool is going showing distances from lot lines
- **Two (2)** plans of pool (construction for Inground Pools only)
- **Two (2)** fence plans – on plot plan
- **Four (4)** Topographic plans ****INGROUND POOL ONLY****
- **ALL PLANS MUST BE REVIEWED BY OUR TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – REMINGTON & VERNICK – 215-394-4500.**
- A \$1,000 engineer fee must be paid upon submittal of permits to be held in escrow until all final inspections are completed. The permit fees are separate. If replenishment is required, we will contact you and the project will not move forward until we receive the amount requested. **When the final inspections are completed, any money left in escrow will be refunded.**
- **IF PLANS ARE DENIED, THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER WILL SEND A DENIAL LETTER TO THE OWNER/ARCHITECT DIRECTLY. ALL REVISED PLANS MUST COME TO OUR OFFICE INSTEAD OF DIRECTLY TO THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.**

INGROUND/ABOVE GROUND POOL SETBACKS:

- In any district, the pool must be at least six (6) feet from the rear property line
- Side yard setback requirements are the same as for houses
- If there is an easement, no part of pool or paving may be on easement
- Must be six (6) feet from house. Must be ten (10) feet horizontally from electrical wires
- *****IF PROPERTY ABUTS MORE THAN ONE STREET/ROAD OR STATE ROAD, PLEASE CONTACT OUR ZONING OFFICER*****

ABOVE GROUND POOL

- Child barrier must meet ISPSC – 2018 (See Attached)
- Setback requirements are the same as for INGROUND POOLS

HOT TUB, SPA OR SAUNA

- Hot tubs must meet: ISPSC – 2018 self-locking lid
- Adhere to same setback requirements as for pools

FENCE REQUIREMENT

- See Attached – ISPSC - 2018

DECK REQUIREMENT

- In any district, the pool must be at least six (6) feet from the rear property line
- Side yard setback requirements are the same as for houses
- If there is an easement, no part of the deck or paving may be on an easement
- Must be six (6) feet from the pool

ANY DECK ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SWIMMING POOL REQUIRES A PERMIT

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENT & REGULATIONS

Any pool containing 24” or more of water or having a surface area of 250 square feet or more, whether constructed in or above-ground, must comply with the following requirements:

- 1) NO swimming pool shall be constructed, installed, enlarged, or altered until a PERMIT has been obtained from Middletown Township
- 2) Plans shall be submitted in duplicate showing dimensions and construction of the pool and plot plans
- 3) NO wall of a swimming pool shall be located on an easement and must be at least 6’ from any rear property line and 6’ from the house. Front and side yards must be in accordance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. Further information regarding zoning/setback information may be obtained by contact our Zoning Officer
- 4) At least one (1) means of egress shall be provided from the pool
- 5) Swimming pools shall be designed and installed so that there is a pool water turnover at least every 18 hours. Filters shall not filter water at a rate in excess of five (5) gallons per minute per square foot of surface area
- 6) Swimming pool and equipment shall be equipped to be completely emptied of water, and discharged water shall be disposed of in a manner that it will not create a nuisance to adjoining property
- 7) Every person owning land where there is situated a swimming pool that contains 24” or more of water in depth shall erect and maintain thereon an adequate enclosure either surrounding the pool or the property. Such enclosures must comply with the ATTACHED FENCE REQUIREMENTS ISPSC – 2018
- 8) Swimming pools shall be suitably designed and located so as to not become a nuisance or hazard to adjoining property owners or the public. Outdoor lights, if used, shall be shielded and not reflected toward adjacent properties.
- 9) Applicants desiring to build/install a pool shall submit two (2) copies of a plot plan drawn to scale (EXCEPT LEVITTOWN – ORIGINAL LEVITTOWN PLOT PLAN MUST BE SUBMITTED)

- a) The boundary of the property, including all dimensions
 - b) The location of all existing buildings, structures, patios, underground utilities, easements, vegetation and water courses
 - c) Topographic contours at one (1) foot intervals with spot elevations at the corners of the property, the finished first floor, the deck or patio and the proposed pool. An assumed elevation in lieu of datum will be accepted.
 - d) The location of the proposed facilities; pool, fence, filter and drainage structures
 - e) Topographic contours and engineers seal are NOT required on plans for above-ground pools
- 10) The construction and installation of electrical wiring for equipment in or adjacent to swimming pools, to metallic appurtenances in or within five (5)' of the pool and to auxiliary equipment such as pumps, filters, and similar shall conform to Article 680 of the NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE as listed in Appendix B. Article 680-9 is just one of nine selections listed in Article 680 and reads, "Service drop conductors and any other open overhead wiring shall not be located above the swimming pool or surrounding area extending ten (10)' horizontally from the pool edge or diving structure, observation stands, towers or platforms." Further electrical information may be obtained by contacting United Inspections @ 215-542-9977.