



PUBLIC AND PRIVATE IN-GROUND POOLS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

DEFINITION: A private residential in-ground swimming pool shall mean a manmade basin or receptacle for water having a depth in excess of 18 inches or more, constructed of concrete, steel or other approved materials, and shall have an impervious finish. The bottom surface shall be smooth, to facilitate cleaning, and shall slope to the main drain. The intended use of a private residential in-ground pool shall be for swimming, wading or bathing exclusively by the home owner or occupant of the land or premise, his family and guests. **Note:** All pools are subject to Section 17.11.

SWIMMING POOLS PRIVATE REQUIREMENTS

1. Three (3) Spot Survey's of a recent date; sealed and certified by an Illinois Registered Land Surveyor.
2. Seven (7) **Plot Plans**, of recent date, showing:
 - a. Location of residence
 - b. Location of any accessory structures (sheds, decks, etc.).
 - c. Location of proposed pool
 - d. Sources of water, electric and sewage utilities; if septic, show field and tank locations.
 - e. Method of connecting and discharging pool
3. Seven (7) complete sets of plans, sealed and certified by an Illinois Registered Architect or Structural Engineer, must be submitted for prior approval to: **Cook County Public Health Department** 1010 Lake Street, Suite 300, Oak Park, IL 60301, 708-492-2000,
4. **After approval by the Cook County Public Health Department**, a permit application and three (3) sets of plans **must be submitted to the Cook County Department of Building and Zoning for approval.**
Cook County Building Department Pool Permit Requirements
 - Any pool 18 inches or more in depth must comply.
 - Pool and equipment must be more than ten feet from a property line.
 - Pool must be constructed of concrete, steel or other approved material.
 - Pool must have impervious surface.
 - Bottom of pool must be smooth and must slope to drain.
 - Four foot wide walk required around entire pool.
 - Walk must be non-slip and slope 1/4 inch per foot away from pool.
 - Pool must be enclosed on all four sides with minimum four foot high non-climbable fence.
 - All gates in fence must be self-closing and self-latching with latch at least four feet above grade.



- Pools 1500 sf or greater require overflow gutters.
 - Skimmers required, 500sf> 1; 800sf> 2; 110sf> 3; 1500sf> 4.
 - Pools require two means of egress, one in each end.
 - Ladders or steps must be at least three inches wide with handrails.
5. All contractors must be registered with the Cook County Building and Zoning Department, and submit letters declaring that they will be doing the actual work stated on the application for permit.
 - a. Pool Contractor
 - b. Plumbing contractor
 - c. Electrical contractor and electrical drawings
 6. A minimum deposit of 1/10 of 1% of the total estimated cost of work for \$25.00 (whichever is greater) is required.

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

1. Approval from the state health department in Springfield.
2. Three (3) sets of plans and specifications prepared by a registered engineer or architect.

Send to:

**State Health Department in Springfield
Illinois Department of Public Health
535 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62706
Attention: Bureau of Public Water Supplies**

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL BY THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

1. Four (4) sets of plans and specifications prepared by a Registered Engineer.

**MUST HAVE STATE PERMIT BEFORE
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT APPROVAL**