

# CITY OF UNION

## BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION FOR SWIMMING POOLS

Building permits are required for all family swimming pools twenty-four inches (24") or more in depth or greater than one hundred fifty (150) square feet in surface area.

All swimming pools must comply with the side yard requirements of the zoning district in which it is located. **(Six feet off the side and rear property lines or off any easements)** The entire structure must be six feet from the property line, so if there is decking surrounding the top of the pool, the outside edge of the deck would need to be six feet from property line.

According to the 2008 National Electric Code, it is not permitted to have an electric line above a pool. The overhead service drop line must be at least ten feet from the edge of the water.

Underground lines must be at least five feet from the edge of the water.

The swimming pool or the entire property on which it is located, shall be **walled or fenced** to prevent uncontrolled access by children from the street or from adjacent properties. Such fence or wall shall not be less than **six feet in height** and maintained in good condition with a gate and a lock. Another option is a deck package where the top rail of the deck would be six feet from the ground and there would be a ladder that would swing up and lock to prevent access to the pool.

Building and plumbing permits (Montgomery County issues plumbing permits) are required for all pools served by permanent water supply and/or permanent drainage system.

Building and electrical permits obtained from Union are required for all pools which utilize electric apparatus or equipment, in conjunction with the cleaning, servicing, or operation of the pool.

**All permits require inspections and a final inspection before the pool is approved for use.**

The pool cannot be filled until the barricade and lock is first installed.

Hot tubs and spas are subject to the same regulations except that a locking cover may be used instead of a fence.

There is no credit or waiving of sewer charges on filling a swimming pool. The cost is \$1.75 per thousand gallons for water and \$1.55 per thousand for sewer, for a total of \$3.30 per thousand gallons. For example, a pool holding ten thousand gallons of water would cost \$33.00 to fill.

Remember to call before you dig - 1-800-362-2764, so they can mark any utility lines.

## RE: POOL PERMIT APPLICATION

### PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. A drawing of your property or a copy of your plot plan showing where you are placing the pool. This does not have to be an architect's drawing but this notation of pool placement allows the city to check to see if it is far enough off the property lines, off any easements, and away from electrical lines.
2. Please allow at least two to three working days for application approval. When it is approved, you will be contacted by phone and given the cost of the permit. Money will not be refunded once a permit is processed, and failure to pick up permit does not exempt you from payment.
3. Once issued, a permit is good for six months. Please note the fact that when a permit is approved by the city, it does not mean it complies with covenants in various subdivision.