Permit Requirements and General Information

Greendale Municipal Building Code Chapter 15.54

(1) DEFINED. A swimming pool shall mean any depression in the ground, either temporary or permanent or a container of water, either temporary or permanent and either above or below the ground, in which water of more than 24” in depth at any point is contained and which is used primarily for the purpose of wading, swimming or bathing.

(2) FENCE REQUIRED. Every person that owns, directly or indirectly, or operates, uses or has custody or control of or has the right to use any swimming pool located in the Village shall erect and maintain a fence of not less than 3'-6” in height or other suitable barrier or device around or over such swimming pool all to be of such size, strength, construction and proximity to the swimming pool so as to safeguard a child under 7 years by preventing such child’s unregulated access to such swimming pool.

Please Note: A fence is not required around an above ground pool where the pool wall is at least 3'-6” above grade for the full pool perimeter. The finished grade shall be maintained for a minimum of 4'-0” feet beyond the outside of the full perimeter of the pool. In such cases, all means of access to the pool shall be secured when pool is not in use.

(3) GATES AND DOOR OPENINGS. All gates or door openings or other means of access into such swimming pool shall be maintained and secured with such safety features that no child under 7 years can gain access to the swimming area when the swimming pool is not in actual use.

(4) CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS. A plan or drawing of such swimming pool showing the safety devices and features required under this section shall be first submitted to the Building Board for approval as to compliance with the safety standards herein enacted. If the Building Board determines that the plans or drawings of the swimming pool meet the requirements of this section and if such proposed swimming pool complies with all other applicable regulations and restrictions of this chapter, the Building Inspector shall issue a building permit for the construction thereof.

(5) EXCEPTIONS. Exempt from the provisions of this section are pools that have an adult attendant at all times and all plastic wading pools holding not over 24” of water at their deepest point.

LOCATION REQUIREMENTS: (As required by Section 17.04(7)(f) of the Greendale Municipal Zoning Code.)

No swimming pools shall be permitted in the front yard or side yard of a residential property.

- A 10’ set back is required from the interior side property line.
- A 25’ set back is required from the street side property line on corner lots.
- A 20’ set back is required from the rear property line.
- A 10’ separation between any structure and the pool is required.

IMPORTANT: See fence regulations for proper placement of fence. For rescue and safety purposes, a minimum 3 foot separation between the fence and the edge of the pool shall be required.

Pool pump receptacle wiring and overhead wiring clearances shall be as required in Article 680 of the National Electrical Code. Consult with your electrician for specific details on these requirements.

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS:

Property owner or contractor must provide the following documents to the Building Inspector in order to apply for a building permit:

1. Two (2) copies of the property survey which shows the location of the pool and fence.
2. Two (2) copies of a scaled drawing (brochure or picture) of the pool and fence.
3. One Greendale Building Permit application. (Application must be completely filled out and signed)

Note: If the subdivision where you live has an active Homeowners Association, you must obtain their approval before submitting your building permit to the Village.