

ABOVE GROUND SWIMMING POOLS

The installation of an above ground, hot tub, and/or spa within the City of Rock Island requires a pool permit issued by the Inspection Division. A pool permit is required when the pool has the capability of containing a water depth of 24-inches. This includes hot tubs and spas. Additional items that are associated with pools, such as: decks, electrical service lines, electrical lines to pumps and or heaters or light fixtures and gas lines to heaters also require permits.

Note: The term “pool”, as used in this guideline, also applies to hot tubs and spas.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Application for permit
- Contractor Registration
- Fee Schedules

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

Contractor Registrations

All Contractors must be registered with the City of Rock Island before they pull may pull a permit. Please click the links below to access the required information and forms on our Web site.

1. Electrical Contractor: <http://www.rigov.org/index.aspx?NID=708>
2. General Contractor: <http://www.rigov.org/index.aspx?nid=706>

MINIMUM INSPECTIONS REQUIRED

Pool

- Rough Electric After all electric is installed but prior to being buried
- Final Upon completion of project and prior to use

Deck

- Footing After holes are dug; prior to pouring of concrete
- Final Upon completion of deck (can be done at same time as completion of pool)

ZONING

The RI zoning ordinance regulates above ground swimming pools having a depth of more than 30 inches. These pools have the same setback requirements as accessory structures (e.g. detached garages). Accessory structures (more than 30” in depth swimming pools) cannot be located in a front yard. Lots at a corner have two front yards (yard adjacent to the street and also the yard adjacent to the avenue).

In a rear yard location there is a three foot setback from neighboring property lines, a six foot setback from an alley property line and a separation of six feet from any other structure on the subject property.

In a side yard location, there is the same six foot separation from any other structure on the subject property, but the side yard setback varies depending on the zoning district the property is located (range is from six to 12 feet).

BARRIERS

- A barrier of at least 48 inches must be constructed either around the entire yard or entire pool. The pool may be used as a barrier provided.
- Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere.
- All gates must be a minimum height of 48 inches and must be equipped with a self-closing/self latching device.
- Latch devices must be on the pool side of the gate and shall be at least 3 inches from the top of the gate with no opening greater than ½ inch within 18 inches of latch and must be made inaccessible to small children.
- Where an above ground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or pool steps, then:
 1. The ladder or steps must be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access; or
 2. The ladder or steps must be surrounded by a barrier that meets the above requirements must be installed to protect any steps or ladders.
- Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier, one of the following conditions shall be met:
 1. The pool shall be equipped with a powered safety cover in compliance with ASTM F 1346; or
 2. Doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door and/or its screen, if present, are opened. The alarm shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2017. The deactivation switch(es) shall be located at least 54 inches (1372 mm) above the threshold of the door,

Any required barrier must be in place prior to filling the pool.

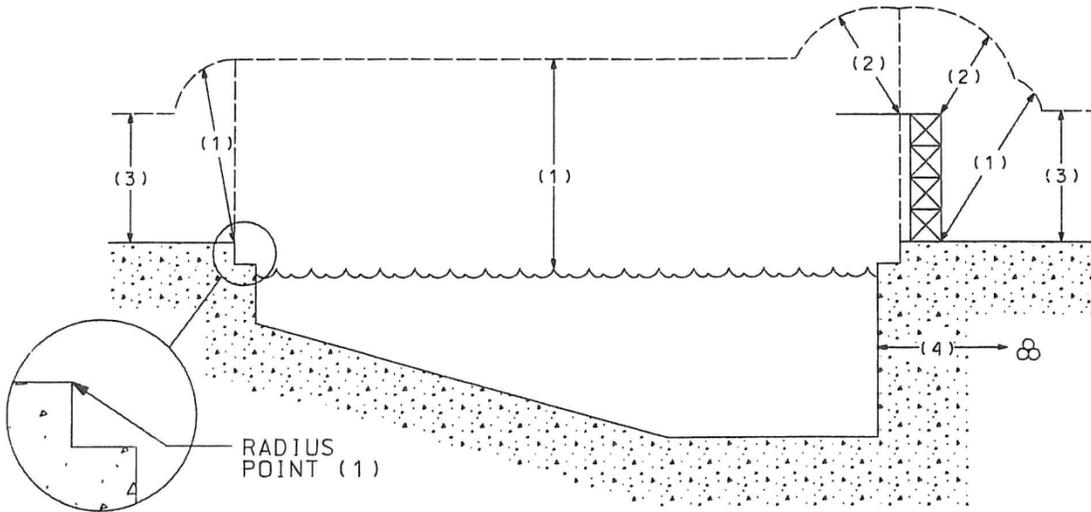
ELECTRICAL

- Pool and equipment must be properly bonded and grounded.
- All electrical equipment shall be GFCI protected.
- Extension cords are not permitted for connection of pool equipment.
- All electrical wiring shall be installed in accordance with the 2008 National Electrical Code.
- Conductors installed within 10" horizontally from the pool edge or diving platform must maintain basic vertical clearances as depicted on the following page.

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CLEARANCES TO SWIMMING AREAS	UNGUARDED RIGID LIVE PARTS, 0-750V; SECONDARY CABLE	GROUNDED OR INSULATED GUYS; NEUTRAL COND.	OPEN SUPPLY CONDUCTORS		
			0-750V	750V-15kV	ALL 34.5kV
(1) CLEARANCE IN ANY DIRECTION FROM THE EDGE OF POOL, BASE OF DIVING PLATFORM, OR ANCHORED RAFT	22'-6"	22'-0"	23'-0"	25'-0"	25'-6"
(2) CLEARANCE IN ANY DIRECTION TO THE DIVING PLATFORM OR TOWER	14'-6"	14'-0"	15'-0"	17'-0"	17'-6"
(3) VERTICAL CLEARANCE OVER ADJACENT LAND	AS REQUIRED IN CLEARANCES ABOVE GROUND OR ROADWAYS (REF. NESC 232)				
(4) UNDERGROUND DIRECT BURIED CABLE	5' FROM POOL OR AUXILLARY EQUIPMENT (REF. NESC 351C1)				



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