

## **Swimming Pools**

### ***General Considerations***

When planning swimming pools, the size of the property, relationship to adjacent residences and the size of the pool and related accessory structures must be considered. The location of pools should minimize their visual and acoustical impact on adjacent properties. Design and location should visually integrate the structure into its surroundings and should take advantage of the screening provided by existing vegetation.

Due to limited space, the proximity of units and the impact upon neighboring properties, the addition of a permanent swimming pool or a large temporary pool is not permitted in **attached housing**.

### ***Specific Guidelines***

- Swimming pools shall be located only in rear yards as far away from adjacent residences as possible.
- Mechanical equipment and other utility accessories must be located so as not to have an adverse noise or visual effect on adjacent property.
- Fencing or enclosure to provide pool security, and as required by Loudoun County, may be constructed of wood, or metal in any currently approved fence design. Metal fencing must be an open style which is consistent with the design guidelines for fencing. Chain link fencing is not appropriate for residential pool enclosures and will not be allowed.
- Swimming pools and pool equipment should be screened from adjacent properties by landscaping or enclosures.
- Above ground pools shall have skirting to hide the pool support structure.
- Above ground pools are limited to 4' above grade.
- Pools must be drained into the sewer system directly to prevent adverse effect to the property, neighboring properties, or common area.

### ***Submission Requirements***

- Signed and dated application form.
- Description of the project.
- A copy of the property plat showing the house, any deck, patio, fencing, accessory structures, significant vegetation, property lines and the location of the proposed swimming pool and associated accessory structures including lighting drawn on the plat.
- Photographs showing the house and the proposed location of the swimming pool.

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- Detailed drawings, to scale, including site plans and elevations, construction details materials, colors, and manufacturer cut sheets including accessory structures.
- Manufacturer's literature identifying the type of fence and drawings indicating fence location, dimensions, details, material, and color.
- A landscape plan indicating the type and location of proposed landscaping.
- Drainage plan where the grade is affected by the pool or associated structures.
- Drawings or "cut sheets" of any lighting including wattage and location.