

# CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN SWIMMING POOLS FAQ

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## **Q: Do I need a permit to add an swimming pool to my property?**

A: The addition of an swimming pool is a residential alteration that requires the property owner to obtain a permit. However, minor repairs and maintenance do not require a permit.

## **Q: What is the permit application fee?**

A: The permit application fee is \$25.00.

## **Q: How long does the permit process take?**

A: The permit process can take 1-3 weeks. Compliance with the permit requirements will expedite the review and approval process.

## **Q: What else do I need to submit with my permit application?**

A: Your permit application must include:

- The completed application;
- A \$25.00 check or money order made payable to the City of Youngstown; and
- A site plan (or drawing) of the proposed swimming pool.

## **Q: How detailed does the site plan need to be?**

A: The drawing should be a to-scale drawing or photograph of your property from a “bird’s eye view” that demonstrates where the proposed swimming pool is being constructed. You can use the template site plan attached to the Residential Swimming pool Permit Application.

## **Q: What do I need to know about the swimming pool to complete the application?**

A: You should know the dimensions, materials, and the amount of setback you intend to have for the proposed swimming pool.

## **Q: What is a “setback”?**

A: A setback is the minimum distance which a building or other structure must be set back from the neighboring properties and/or the street.

## **Q: How do I determine the setback needed for my swimming pool?**

A: The setback is determined by how your property is zoned:

<b>RS -20 (Single Family)</b>	<u>Front (from Right of Way Line):</u> 60 feet or 35% of depth of lot, whichever is less <u>Side/Rear Yard:</u> 15 feet or 10% of lot width, whichever is less
<b>RS-12 (Single Family)</b>	<u>Front (from Right of Way Line):</u> 60 feet or 30% of depth of lot, whichever is less <u>Side/Rear Yard:</u> 10 feet or 10% of lot width, whichever is less
<b>RS-7.2 (Single Family)</b>	<u>Front (from Right of Way Line):</u> 35 feet <u>Side/Rear Yard:</u> 10 feet or 10% of lot width, whichever is less
<b>RT-5.5 (One and Two Family)</b>	<u>Front (from Right of Way Line):</u> 35 feet <u>Side/Rear Yard:</u> 10 feet or 10% of lot width, whichever is less
<b>RS-3.0 (Single Family Small Lot)</b>	<u>Front (from Right of Way Line):</u> 20 feet <u>Side/Rear Yard:</u> 5 feet

**Q: Who is responsible for the property lines?**

A: Please note that you are responsible for knowing your property's boundaries. You are encouraged to hire a surveyor if you are not sure of where your property lines are located.

**Q: What if my swimming pool is below ground?**

A: If your swimming pool is below ground, the pool (and/or your yard) must be enclosed by a fence. This requirement is for the safety of children.

**Q: Where can I put the swimming pool?**

A: The swimming pool must be in the rear yard.

**Q: What if my swimming pool differs from any of the above requirements?**

A: You can apply for a variance if your proposed fence does not meet the above-described requirements. A hearing will then be held to determine whether such a variance should be granted. Please call the Zoning Department to obtain the form to apply for this variance.

**Q: Do I also need a permit from Mahoning County's Building Department?**

A: Please be advised that you may need to call the Mahoning County Building Dept. 330-270-2894 to pull building permits after the zoning permit is obtained. Furthermore, **you or your contractor should call 811 before construction begins.**