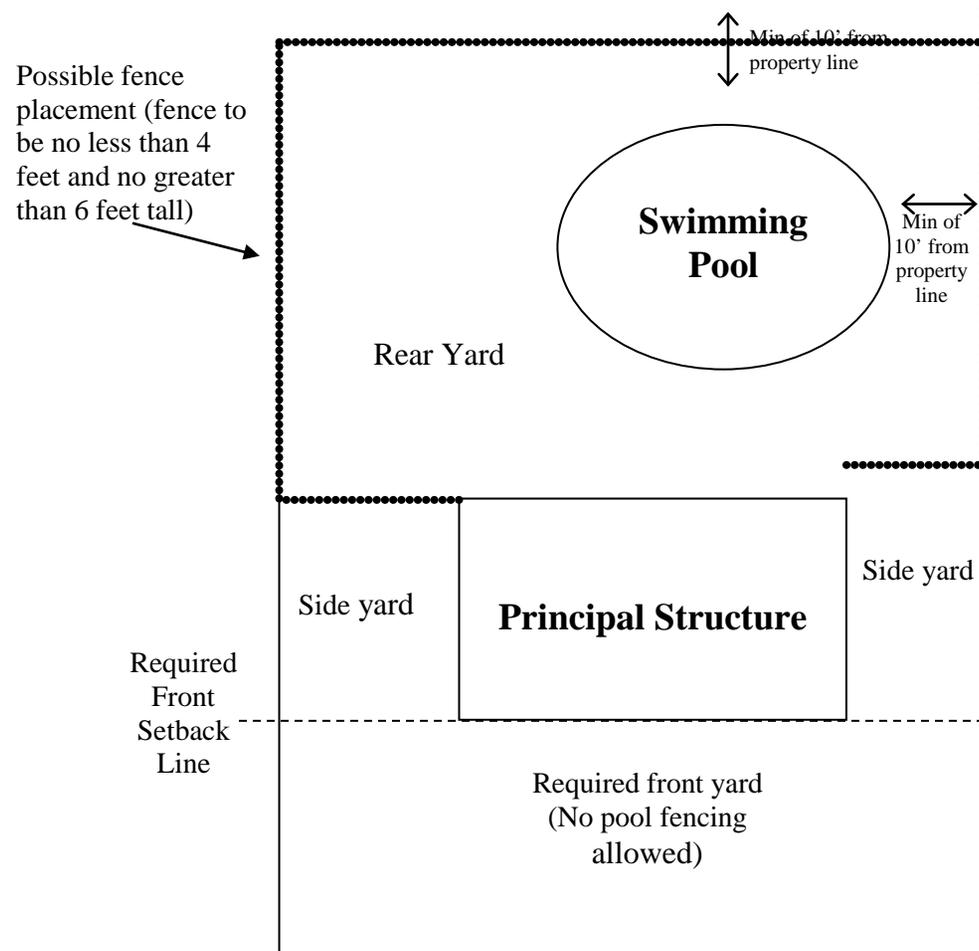


Swimming Pools/Hot Tubs

- ✓ Swimming pools are defined as being either above or below ground (fully or partially), either outside or enclosed, designed to hold water to a depth greater than 2 feet when filled, and intended to be used for swimming purposes.
- ✓ Hot tubs are regulated as swimming pools.
- ✓ All swimming pools/hot tubs require a Zoning Permit and a Building Permit.
- ✓ Swimming pools/hot tubs must be at least 10 feet from any lot line. On a waterfront lot, the swimming pool must be 50 feet from the high water mark.
- ✓ All swimming pools/hot tubs need to be enclosed by a fence at least 4 feet and no more than 6 feet high. The fence needs to be constructed so that nobody can enter the yard where the pool is without going through either a gate or door located on that lot. The gate or door shall be capable of being locked, and shall be locked at all times when no person is present on the lot.
- ✓ The fence may be placed on or anywhere inside the lot lines, except in a front yard.
- ✓ A fence surrounding a swimming pool/hot tub can't be built in a required front yard. Please remember that a corner lot is considered to have 2 front yards – one for each street frontage.
- ✓ A fence is not required if a swimming pool cover is installed per the Michigan Building Code, as amended.
- ✓ For above-ground pools, steps and ladders to the pool shall be secured and locked, or removed when the pool is not in use.



Refer to Section 350 and 324 of the Zoning Ordinance for complete information. Because Zoning Ordinances are subject to amendments which can change standards and regulations, please speak with the Zoning Administrator to confirm zoning language.

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