



Swimming Pool

City of Prior Lake Requirements

1. Submit a signed, completed Building Permit application form
2. Submit three (3) copies of a certificate of Survey, drawn to scale, which indicates the following:
 - a) Lot dimensions, elevations at corners of pool, lot, house, and easements.
 - b) Location and ground coverage area of existing structure(s)
 - c) Location and size of pool.
 - d) Setback of pool from the property line.
 - e) The location and height of the fence around the pool.
 - f) The type of fence, i.e. picket, board on board, etc. and gate locations
 - g) The location, size and types of equipment to be used in connection with the pool.
 - h) Distance between filter pump and residential structures on adjoining properties
 - i) Shoreland district lots require impervious surface calculations and survey

A Certificate of Survey for the property may be on file at City Hall if the house was built after 1984.

Attached is an example of a property with permissible locations for a pool and fence enclosure which is **intended as a guide only**.

ZONING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Property lines must be located prior to erecting a pool. The City of Prior Lake does not provide a survey service to find the property lines. It is the responsibility of the land owner to locate the property lines.
2. Single Family Residential:
 - a) Below ground pools shall not be located within eight feet (8') of any rear lot line nor within five feet (5') of any side lot line, nor within six feet (6') of any principal structure or frost footing excluding deck footing.
 - b) Above ground pools shall not be located within twenty five feet (25') of any rear lot line nor within ten feet (10') of any side lot line, nor within six feet (6') of any principal structure or frost footing excluding deck footing. Decks adjacent to above-ground pools are considered structures and must meet all structure setbacks.
 - c) The filter unit, pump, heating unit and any other noise making mechanical equipment shall be located at least twenty five feet (25') from any residential building on adjacent property and not closer than eight feet (8') to any lot line.
 - d) Pools shall not be located within any required front yard.
3. Multi-Family Dwelling: Private swimming pools intended for and used by occupants and guests of occupants of multiple-family dwellings shall adhere to the following regulations:
 - a) No part of the water surface of the swimming pool shall be closer than fifty feet (50') to any lot line.
 - b) No pump, filter or other apparatus used in connection with the pool shall be closer than fifty feet (50') to any lot line.
 - c) The pool area shall be adequately fenced to prevent uncontrolled access from the street or adjacent property as contained in Section 4-4-5 hereof. Adequate screening including, but not limited to, a landscape shall be placed between the pool area and adjoining single-family district lot lines.

- d) All deck areas, adjoining patios or other similar areas used in conjunction with the pool, shall be located at least fifteen feet (15') from any lot line in an adjoining Single-Family District.

BUILDING REQUIREMENTS:

1. All swimming pools for which a permit is required and granted shall be provided with safe-guards to prevent children from gaining uncontrolled access. This is best accomplished with fencing. A fence shall be at least five (5) feet in height. The fence shall have vertical rails such that a sphere four (4) inches in diameter cannot pass through. The bottom of the fence shall not be more than four (4) inches from the ground. Fences shall be constructed as to be not easily climbable.

**Acceptable: board on board, vertical spindles, non-climbable chain link
(spaces between links of 1 1/4" or less).**

Not acceptable: horizontal rails, climbable chain link.

2. All fence openings or points of entry into the pool enclosure shall be equipped with gates or doors. All gates or doors to swimming pools shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed at a sufficient height (at least four feet off the ground) so as to be provided around the means of access to above ground pools which have five (5) foot high, vertical or outward inclined sidewalls. Above ground pools with ladders shall have a 5' high entrance area protected barrier. **NOTE:** Refer to the City of Prior Lake City Code Chapter 4-4.
3. Any pool lighting shall be directed toward the pool and not toward adjacent property.
4. All wiring, installation of heating units, grading, installation of pipe or other construction shall be subject to separate permits and inspections.
5. Nuisances, such as undue noise, lighting of adjacent property, health and safety hazards, damage to vegetation on adjoining property, and the like, shall not be permitted.
6. Pools shall not be filled with water until approved 5' high safety fence is in place and passes inspection.
7. Pools, aprons or decks cannot be located within an easement.
8. Pools cannot be filled with a fire hydrant.

NOTE: The above represent general code requirements relative to pools. For more specific requirements, please contact the Building Inspection Department at (952) 447-9850.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS:

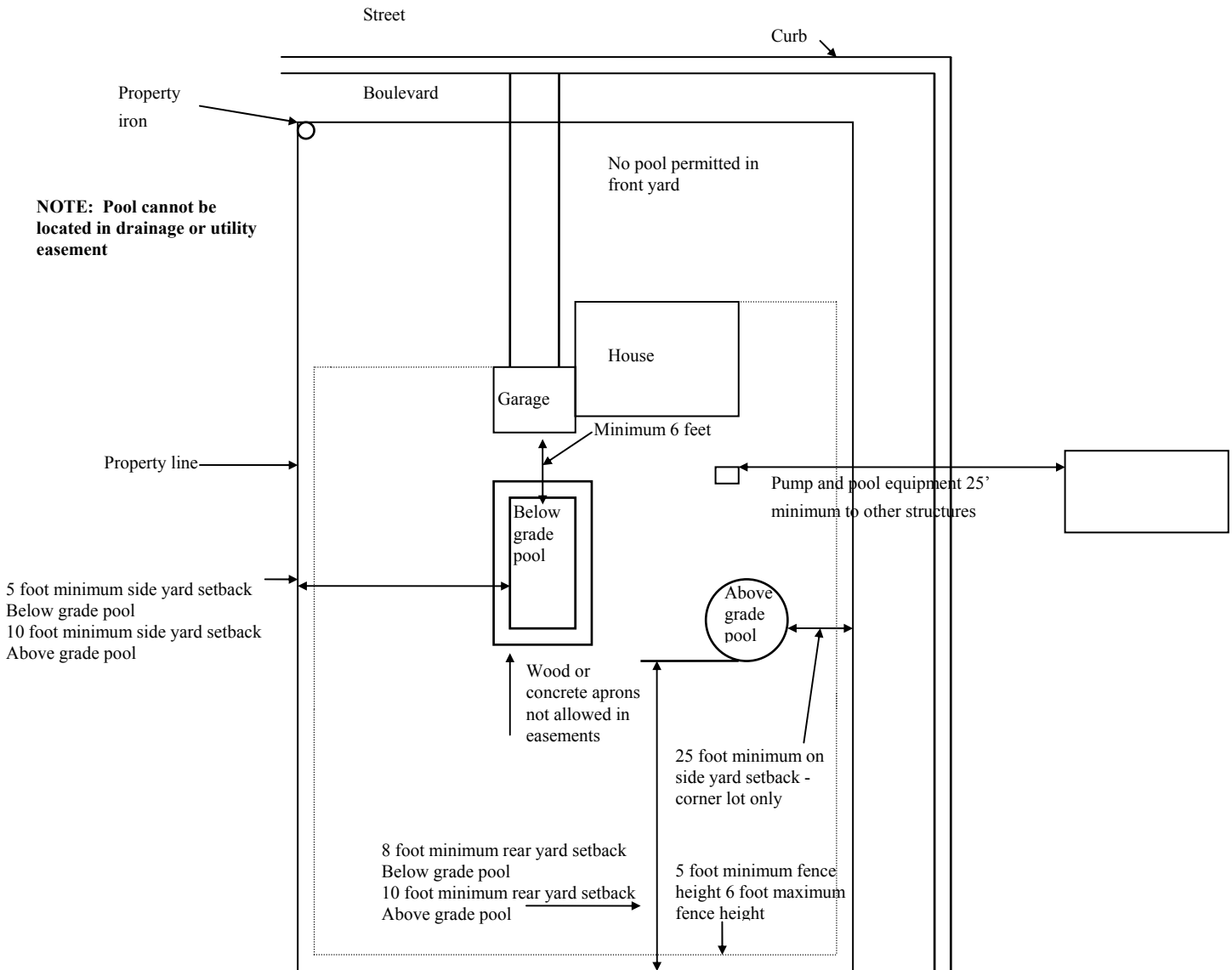
1. Footing: When the pool has been dug and forms have been erected.
2. Rough In: Rough-in inspection includes the installation of a 5' high safety fence and the passing of the electrical rough-in for pumps. Rough-in will be performed **before** water is added to pools.
3. Final: When the pool, pool enclosure and gates have been installed, pumps, lights, etc., electrical final has been completed by the electrical inspector, pool and pool deck are complete and sod is done.

GENERAL NOTES:

1. The stamped, approved plans and survey shall be kept on the job site until the final inspection has been made.
2. The inspection Record card shall be placed on an outside exterior wall near the pool and shall remain posted until the final inspection has been made. Cards should be protected from the weather.
3. Call (952) 447-9850 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to arrange for an inspection.
4. Prior to digging call Gopher State Services at (651) 454-0002 to verify utility locations. Forty-eight-hour notice is required, excluding weekdays and holidays.

ALLOW 24 HOURS FOR ALL INSPECTIONS!!

Location of Swimming pool on an Interior lot and Corner lot



Pools shall not be located within 10 feet horizontally from underground or overhead utility lines.