

SWIMMING POOLS & HOT TUBS

HOW TO GET A PERMIT



DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Any pool or tub that can hold 24" or more of water requires a building permit.

WHO CAN GET A PERMIT?

Licensed contractors may obtain permits for any property. Home-owners may obtain permits for their own property.

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET A PERMIT?

- A completed application, two copies of your plan and site plan showing lot dimensions and the pool or tub location.
- Specifications about the pool or hot tub and detailed information on the barrier or fence.
- The more information the better!

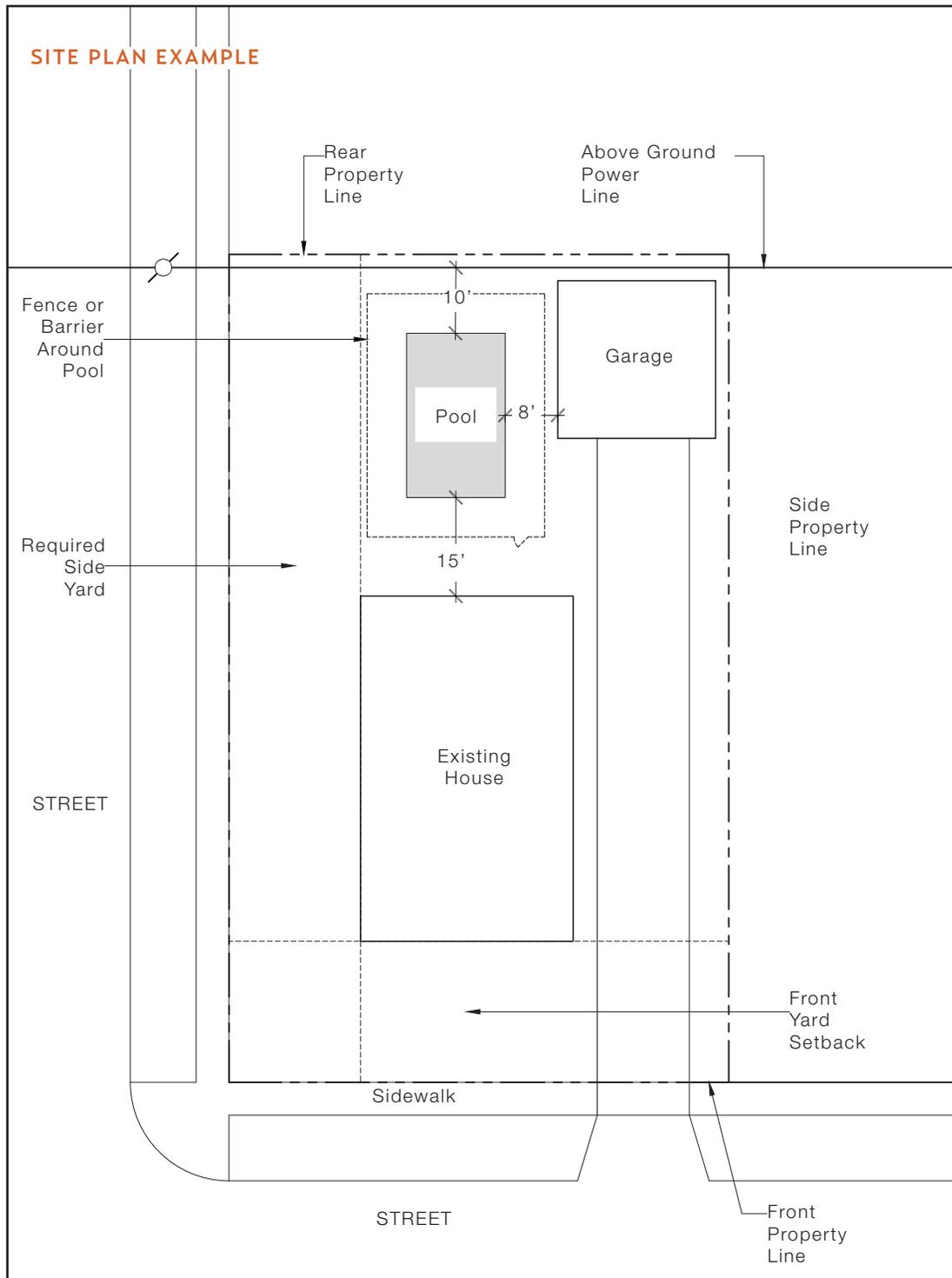
I HAVE PLANS. NOW WHAT?

Submit the plans to Community & Neighborhood Services with the enclosed building permit application completed. Plan review may take as long as two weeks. However, small projects and complete plans may be reviewed sooner. We will contact you when your permit is ready.

If you have any questions about this information, please feel free to contact us.

WHERE CAN I BUILD A SWIMMING POOL OR HOT TUB?

Pools and hot tubs may not be located in the required front yard or the required side yard along the side streets. Hot tubs and pools must also be located at least 10 feet on a horizontal axis from all above ground power lines.



Note:
Pools and hot tubs will need to be at least 3' from the rear and side property lines.

BARRIER & FENCE REQUIREMENTS

ENCLOSURES

- Permits are required for all new and replacement pool and hot tub enclosures.
- All pools must be enclosed by a 48 inch high non-climbable fence or barrier. (1-3/4 inch maximum opening in chain link fencing.)
- EXCEPTIONS:
 - (1) A hot tub with an approved locking safety cover.
 - (2) A pool equipped with an approved powered safety cover.
 - (3) An above ground pool that is more than 48 inches above grade and has a removable or locking ladder as the only means of access.
(Note: This ladder must be removed when pool is not in use.)

GATES

- All gates must open outward away from the pool, be self-closing and self-latching. Latches must be 54 inches or higher above the ground.
- EXCEPTION:
 - (1) The latch can be lower if it is only on the pool side of the gate, at least 3 inches below the top of the gate and have no openings in the gate greater than 1/2 inch within 18 inches of the latch.

BARRIERS WITH OTHER STRUCTURES

- Where walls of the house or other structure make up part of the barrier, one of the following conditions must be met:
 - (1) Doors leading directly to the pool area must meet the requirements for gates.
 - (2) Doors must be equipped with an audible alarm that sounds when opened.