

# Trafford

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### GUIDELINES FOR SWIMMING POOL PERMIT- \*This form must be signed and attached to application\*

#### 1. READ THESE GUIDELINES

- All pools holding 24 inches of water depth or more are considered swimming pools.
- This includes temporary and permanent swimming pools, spas and hot tubs.
- An inflatable or any other type of swimming pool that is taken down for the winter is considered a temporary swimming pool. These pools are subject to all ordinances, regulations and inspections just as a permanent swimming pool.
- If the pool can hold less than 24 inches of water, it is considered a wading pool and no permit is required.
- Swimming pools are only permitted in the side or rear yard areas. Note: corner lots have 2 front yards.
- If the height of the wall for any swimming pool is 24 inches or more but less than 4 feet (48 inches), a four-foot fence is required to surround the swimming pool. The fence must have a self latching/self closing gate. The fence may not have any openings greater than four inches. From the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code, which Trafford has adopted and enforces:

303.2 Enclosures. Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool. Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching. Where the self-latching device is not less than 54 inches (1372 mm) above the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate. Self-closing and self-latching gates shall be maintained such that the gate will positively close and latch when released from an open position of 6 inches (152 mm) from the gatepost. No existing pool enclosure shall be removed, replaced or changed in a manner that reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier. Exception: Spas or hot tubs with a safety cover that complies with ASTM F 1346 shall be exempt from the provisions of this section."

- Keep in mind that Trafford Borough requires a fence permit prior to erecting any fences in the Borough.
- If the walls of the pool are four feet or higher, no fence is required. But, a retractable or removable ladder or other device to gain access to the pool shall be removed from the vicinity when the pool is not in use.

#### 2. COMPLETE PERMIT APPLICATION

#### 3. PREPARE A DRAWING DISPLAYING THE FOLLOWING:

- The outer most protruding part of a swimming pool must be at least 3 feet from the side property lines.
- The outer most protruding part of a swimming pool must be at least 3 feet from the rear property line.
- The dimensions of all impervious areas (decking, sidewalks, patios, house, sheds, garage, stone or paved areas, etc.) and the total measurements of your lot.

#### 4. SUBMIT THE APPLICATION AND THE DRAWING TO THE TRAFFORD BOROUGH OFFICE.

#### 5. POST PERMIT IN FRONT WINDOW – VALID FOR ONE YEAR

\*You may use your pool when you are provided the Certificate of Use and Occupancy.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name & date

By signing above, I acknowledge I have read and fully understand Trafford Borough's swimming pool guidelines. Please print name and date beside signature.

