

**APPLICATION – POOL**

**Building Department  
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**GENERAL CONTRACTOR INFORMATION**

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Contractor  Home Owner

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Prattville Business License # (8 digits): \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State Contractors License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SITE LOCATION**

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Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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Type of pool: Residential  Commercial

Construction Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Pool Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Distance from: Front property line: \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Side property lines: \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Rear property line: \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Easements: \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Structure: \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Square footage of concrete pool deck: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft.

**Check if Residence is located in a:**  Floodplain  Historic District

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• **Prattville Zoning Ordinance Section 63. - Swimming and wading pools.** Swimming pools and wading pools with a depth of one (1) foot or more in any portion of the pool, and not located within a permanently and completely walled structure, shall be constructed no closer than ten (10) feet of any property line and shall be completely fenced off from the ground up to a height of at least four (4) feet. Fences and gates shall be so constructed and of such materials so as to prevent the entry of children and usual household pets into the pool area. Gates shall be provided with adequate locking devices and shall be locked at all times when pool is not in use.

Building Department Use Only	
Received By: _____	_____ Date and Time Received
Reviewed By: _____	_____ Date Review Started
Approved By: _____	_____ Date and Time Approved
Reviewed w/ Applicant: _____	_____ Date and Time

— Pools require the following checked inspections.

- Pool Bonding (Rough In) – Contractor’s Responsibility to call in
- Pool Electrical Final – Contractor’s Responsibility to call in
- Pool Construction/Barrier Final Inspection – Home/Pool Owner’s Responsibility to call in

— Inspections for any of the items listed above may be obtained by calling the Prattville Building Department at 595.0400.

The Prattville Building Department has reviewed the rules for the placement or construction of a pool and the list of required inspections with me, and I understand these rules and the required inspections.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# City of Prattville

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Property Owner

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Address

I, (we), the undersigned, understand the following requirements for building a pool. I, (we), further understand that this protection must be in place prior to the pool being filled with water.

A minimum 4 foot tall fence that will not allow passage of a 4 inch sphere. If a chain link fence or fences with horizontal or diagonal members are used, then additional requirements apply in accordance with Section 305 of the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

Gates shall swing out and be self-closing and have a self-latching device that meets Section 305 of the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

If the house is used as a barrier then the doors and windows that lead to the pool shall have alarms or other approved systems installed in accordance with Section 305.4 of the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

Suction Entrapment avoidance for pools and spas shall be provided in accordance with APSP 7.

The following inspections are required:

- Pool Bonding (Rough In)-Contractor responsibility
- Pool Electrical Final-Contractor responsibility
- Pool Construction/Barrier **Final Inspection**-Home/Pool owner responsibility

**Final Inspection** is required before the pool can be used.

This agreement to comply is necessary for a construction permit to be issued to the contractor.

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Owner's Signature

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Contractor's Signature

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Date

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Date

## Plan submittal check list

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### Swimming Pools

All items must be included before the application can be accepted for review by the City of Prattville. Please indicate that each component has been included by placing a check in the corresponding box.

Completed    Not Applicable

Site plan per SITE PLAN SPECIFICATIONS

City floodplain development permit application

Does it have required accesible features, if commercial, neighborhood or apartment complex pool. (2015 IBC Chapter 11 and ADA guidelines)

State General Contractor license is current

City of Prattville Business license is current

# City of Prattville Site Plan Specifications

The following information is required on all site plans that are submitted for all Swimming Pool Construction.

## Written Information

Lot number and subdivision  
Building footprint  
Pool location  
Date  
Name and contact information for design professional  
Professional survey required for pools within 3 feet of public easement or right-of-way (any portion of the pool to include concrete)  
Lot area in square feet  
Total proposed impervious surface area in square feet (includes all areas covered by pavement and structures).

## Graphic Information

Pool location  
Setbacks to property lines from pool on front, rear and each side  
North Arrow  
Adjacent street names and R.O.W widths  
Lot line dimensions and bearings  
Scale  
Impervious surface outlines with area in square feet, labeled by type (i.e. driveway, sidewalk and patio) and shaded or otherwise marked so as to be clearly distinguishable from buildings and other features. Do not include surfaces that are not on the actual lot.  
Utilities (water, sewer, storm, electrical)  
Driveway location  
Easements shown on the final recorded plat  
Porches, patios, decks  
Flood Zones as defined by FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (if applicable)

# Swimming Pool Barrier

## 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

### Why do I Need a barrier around my pool?

Barriers are not child proof, but they provide layers of protection for a child when there is a lapse in adult supervision. Barriers give parents additional time to find a child before the unexpected can occur.

These design controls are intended to provide protection against the potential drowning and near drowning by restricting access to such pools or spas.

Barriers include a fence or wall, door alarms for the house, and a power safety cover over the pool. Use the following recommendations as a guide.

The City of Prattville has adopted the 2015 International Pool and Spa Code.

**A successful pool barrier prevents a child from getting OVER, UNDER, or THROUGH and keeps the child from gaining access to the pool except when supervising adults are present.**

### Prattville Building Department

102 West Main Street

334-595-0400

### Hours of Operation

Monday—Friday

The information contained within this bulletin is the most common needed to obtain a permit and is not representative of all the conditions that may be encountered during the

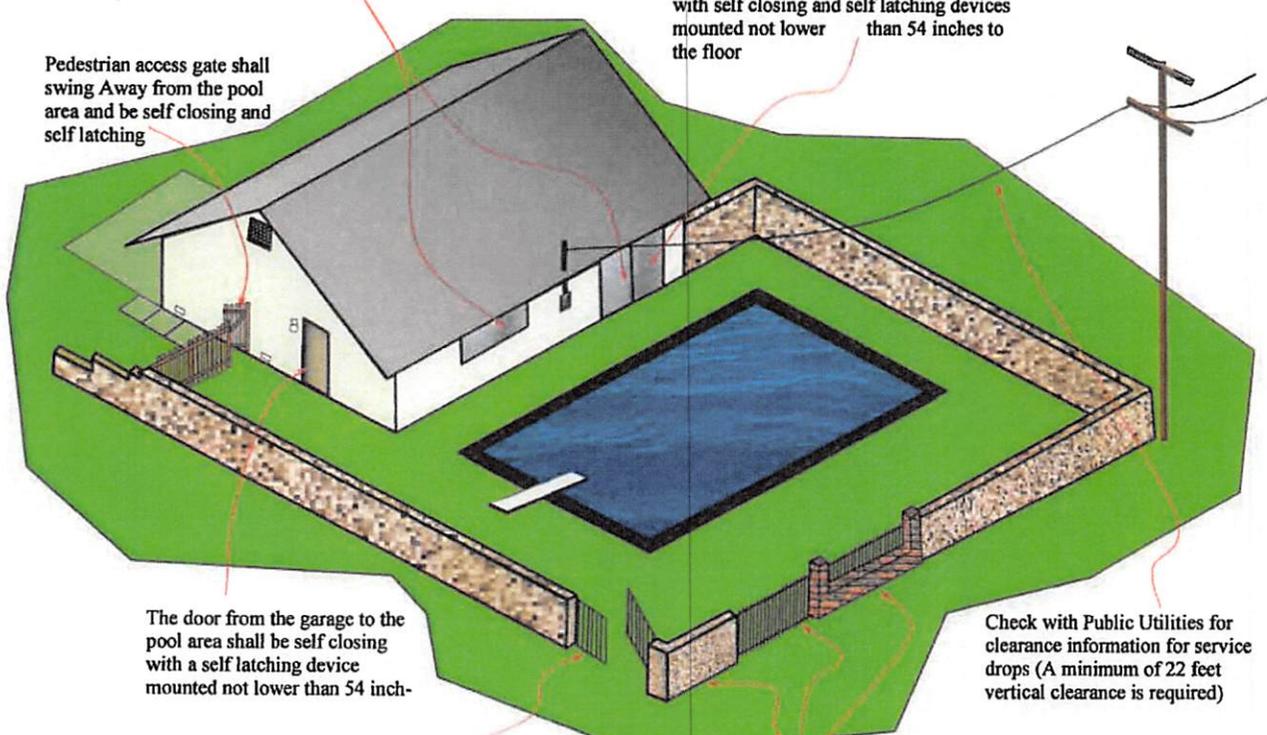
Glass doors and windows within 5 feet of the waters edge and less than 5 feet above grade shall have safety glass.

Doors providing direct access from the home to the pool area shall be equipped with exit alarms

-OR-

with self closing and self latching devices mounted not lower than 54 inches to the floor

Pedestrian access gate shall swing Away from the pool area and be self closing and self latching



The door from the garage to the pool area shall be self closing with a self latching device mounted not lower than 54 inch-

Check with Public Utilities for clearance information for service drops (A minimum of 22 feet vertical clearance is required)

Vehicle access gates more than 5 feet wide shall have a self latching device and shall be equipped with a padlock and shall remain locked at all times when not in use.

4'0" minimum fence height (as measured from side OPPOSITE the pool) ALL pool fences barriers must be non climbable

**Outdoor pools and spas and indoor swimming pools shall be surrounded by a barrier that complies with Sections 305.2.1 through 305.7 of the 2015 International Pool and Spa Code**

**305.2.1 Barrier height and clearances.**

Barrier heights and clearances shall be in accordance with all of the following:

1. The top of the barrier shall be not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade where measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the pool or spa. Such height shall exist around the entire perimeter of the barrier and for a distance of 3 feet (914 mm) measured horizontally from the outside of the required barrier.
2. The vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall not exceed 2 inches (51 mm) for grade surfaces that are not solid, such as grass or gravel, where measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the pool or spa.
3. The vertical clearance between a surface below the barrier to a solid surface, such as concrete, and the bottom of the required barrier shall not exceed 4 inches (102 mm) where measured on the side of the required barrier that faces away from the pool or spa.
4. Where the top of the pool or spa structure is above grade, the barrier shall be installed on grade or shall be mounted on top of the pool or spa structure. Where the barrier is mounted on the top of the pool or spa, the vertical clearance between the top of the pool or spa and the bottom of the barrier shall not exceed 4 inches (102 mm).

**305.2.2 Openings.**

Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.

**305.2.3 Solid barrier surfaces.**

Solid barriers that do not have openings shall not contain indentations or protrusions that form handholds and footholds, except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.

**305.2.4 Mesh fence as a barrier.**

Mesh fences, other than chain link fences in accordance with Section 305.2.7, shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall comply with the following:

1. The bottom of the mesh fence shall be not more than 1 inch (25 mm) above the deck or installed surface or grade.
2. The maximum vertical clearance from the bottom of the mesh fence and the solid surface shall not permit the fence to be lifted more than 4 inches (102 mm) from grade or decking.
3. The fence shall be designed and constructed so that it does not allow passage of a 4-inch (102 mm) sphere under any mesh panel. The maximum vertical clearance from the bottom of the mesh fence and the solid surface shall not be more than 4 inches (102 mm) from grade or decking.

4. An attachment device shall attach each barrier section at a height not lower than 45 inches (1143 mm) above grade. Common attachment devices include, but are not limited to, devices that provide the security equal to or greater than that of a hook-and-eye-type latch incorporating a spring-actuated retaining lever such as a safety gate hook.

5. Where a hinged gate is used with a mesh fence, the gate shall comply with Section 305.3.

6. Patio deck sleeves such as vertical post receptacles that are placed inside the patio surface shall be of a nonconductive material.

7. Mesh fences shall not be installed on top of onground residential pools.

**305.2.5 Closely spaced horizontal members.**

Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches (1143 mm), the horizontal members shall be located on the pool or spa side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 13/4 inches (44 mm) in width. Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed 13/4 inches (44 mm) in width.

**305.2.6 Widely spaced horizontal members.**

Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is 45 inches (1143 mm) or more, spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 4 inches (102 mm). Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, the interior width of the cutouts shall not exceed 13/4 inches (44 mm).

**305.2.7 Chain link dimensions.**

The maximum opening formed by a chain link fence shall be not more than 13/4 inches (44 mm). Where the fence is provided with slats fastened at the top and bottom which reduce the openings, such openings shall be not more than 13/4 inches (44 mm).

**305.2.8 Diagonal members.**

Where the barrier is composed of diagonal members, the maximum opening formed by the diagonal members shall be not more than 13/4 inches (44 mm). The angle of diagonal members shall be not greater than 45 degrees (0.79 rad) from vertical.

**305.2.9 Clear zone.**

There shall be a clear zone of not less than 36 inches (914 mm) between the exterior of the barrier and any permanent structures or equipment such as pumps, filters and heaters that can be used to climb the barrier.

### 305.3 Gates.

Access gates shall comply with the requirements of Sections 305.3.1 through 305.3.3 and shall be equipped to accommodate a locking device. Pedestrian access gates shall open outward away from the pool or spa, shall be self-closing and shall have a self-latching device.

#### 305.3.1 Utility or service gates.

Gates not intended for pedestrian use, such as utility or service gates, shall remain locked when not in use.

#### 305.3.2 Double or multiple gates.

Double gates or multiple gates shall have at least one leaf secured in place and the adjacent leaf shall be secured with a self-latching device. The gate and barrier shall not have openings larger than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the latch release mechanism. The self-latching device shall comply with the requirements of Section 305.3.3.

#### 305.3.3 Latches.

Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches (1372 mm) from grade, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool or spa side of the gate not less than 3 inches (76 mm) below the top of the gate, and the gate and barrier shall not have openings greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the release mechanism.

#### 305.4 Structure wall as a barrier.

Where a wall of a dwelling or structure serves as part of the barrier and where doors or windows provide direct access to the pool or spa through that wall, one of the following shall be required:

1. Operable windows having a sill height of less than 48 inches (1219 mm) above the indoor finished floor and doors shall have an alarm that produces an audible warning when the window, door or their screens are opened. The alarm shall be listed and labeled as a water hazard entrance alarm in accordance with UL 2017. In dwellings or structures not required to be Accessible units, Type A units or Type B units, the operable parts of the alarm deactivation switches shall be located 54 inches (1372 mm) or more above the finished floor. In dwellings or structures required to be Accessible units, Type A units or Type B units, the operable parts of the alarm deactivation switches shall be located not greater than 54 inches (1372 mm) and not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) above the finished floor.

2. A safety cover that is listed and labeled in

accordance with ASTM F 1346 is installed for the pools and spas.

3. An approved means of protection, such as self-closing doors with self-latching devices, is provided. Such means of protection shall provide a degree of protection that is not less than the protection afforded by Item 1 or 2.

#### 305.5 Onground residential pool structure as a barrier.

An onground residential pool wall structure or a barrier mounted on top of an onground residential pool wall structure shall serve as a barrier where all of the following conditions are present:

1. Where only the pool wall serves as the barrier, the bottom of the wall is on grade, the top of the wall is not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade for the entire perimeter of the pool, the wall complies with the requirements of Section 305.2 and the pool manufacturer allows the wall to serve as a barrier.

2. Where a barrier is mounted on top of the pool wall, the top of the barrier is not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade for the entire perimeter of the pool, and the wall and the barrier on top of the wall comply with the requirements of Section 305.2.

3. Ladders or steps used as means of access to the pool are capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access except where the ladder or steps are surrounded by a barrier that meets the requirements of Section 305.

4. Openings created by the securing, locking or removal of ladders and steps do not allow the passage of a 4-inch (102 mm) diameter sphere.

5. Barriers that are mounted on top of onground residential pool walls are installed in accordance with the pool manufacturer's instructions.

#### 305.6 Natural barriers.

In the case where the pool or spa area abuts the edge of a lake or other natural body of water, public access is not permitted or allowed along the shoreline, and required barriers extend to and beyond the water's edge not less than 18 inches (457 mm), a barrier is not required between the natural body of water shoreline and the pool or spa.

#### 305.7 Natural topography.

Natural topography that prevents direct access to the pool or spa area shall include but not be limited to mountains and natural rock formations. A natural barrier approved by the governing body shall be acceptable provided that the degree of protection is not