

Town of Needham

On Ground Swimming Pools Rules and Regulations*

All on ground swimming pools require a building permit and where applicable an electrical and gas permit.

Zoning Definitions:

Structure

Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires a fixed location on the ground or attached to something located on the ground including an artificial or a constructed swimming pool having a depth of water of two (2) feet or more or a water surface area of at least one hundred (100) square feet when filled to capacity, but excluding a fence, boundary wall, retaining wall, public utility pole, public utility supporting device or a structure with less than one hundred square foot ground coverage and a height of less than eight (8) feet.

4.2.9 Minimum Side and Rear Line Setbacks: Accessory Structures

No accessory building or structure, excepting fences, shall be constructed, altered or relocated so that any part thereof shall be less than ten (10) feet from any other building or structure or less than five (5) feet from the side or rear lines of the lot on which such building or structure is located. Notwithstanding the foregoing five (5) foot setback from the rear or side lines of the lot, any accessory building or structure which exceeds fifteen (15) feet in height must comply with the underlying district's rear and/or side setback requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an accessory pergola need not comply with the requirements of the preceding sentences but said pergola must comply with all dimensional setback requirements from abutting properties and from streets and ways, and said pergola shall not be constructed or placed in a position where it would prevent the use of a designated fire lane or reduce access to any building. For purposes of this paragraph, "pergola" means an open frame structure consisting of colonnades or posts with a latticework roof designed to support climbing plants, either standing alone or attached to another building or structure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an accessory building or structure associated with a pool use which is less than eleven (11) feet in height and has less than one-hundred (100) square feet of ground coverage, need not comply with the foregoing ten (10) foot distance from any other building or structure requirement as said requirement pertains to the placement of the accessory building or structure from the edge of the pool, provided that such accessory building or structure is placed no less than eight (8) feet from the edge of the pool.

The pool or spa shall be in compliance with the **2015 Swimming Pool and Spa Code** (available online).

Any questions please feel free to contact the Building Dept. at 781 455-7550, Ext. 309.

A proposed Certified Plot Plan is required with your Permit Application. A Final As-Built is required prior to final inspection.

** Rules and regulations are subject to change without notice.*