



CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - PLANNING AND ZONING

ONE PAGER PLUS

Pools and Hot Tubs

All types of pools and hot tubs, including temporary above-ground pools, are required to be permitted by the City. The exception to this is small “kiddie pools” that do not have a water pump associated with them and are often not present in a yard for an extended period of time.

The property owner/contractor is responsible for making sure that the subject improvement is located within the property line and not the right-of-way or on an abutting property. An approval of a permit application and the installation of the subject improvement by a City employee does not negate this obligation.

Required Permits

A pool or hot tub requires a Building Permit, as well as any trade permits (i.e., Electrical, Plumbing) required for any desired amenities. If a fence is going to be built to enclose or screen the pool, a Fence Permit is also required. For further questions about fencing requirements, please review the Fence One Pager Plus available on the Planning and Zoning Page of the City's Website.

If the property where the pool/hot tub will be located is in a Historic District, a [Certificate of Appropriateness](#) is also required. This application goes through the Historic District Commission and is needed to ensure that any work being done will be compatible with the existing neighborhood that any existing historical feature is preserved to the best of the applicant's ability, and that any work being done during the project will not damage existing historic features on the property.

To check if the property is in one of the City's local historic districts, please enter the address of the property into the map at the following link: [Historic Districts Map](#). If there are further questions about the property, please contact the Planning and Zoning Division at 269-966-3320.

General Requirements

Pools/Hot Tubs shall not be nearer than 6' from a side or rear lot line. Pools/hot tubs cannot be located in the primary front yard of a property. Requirements related to the construction and installation of pools/hot tubs can be found on the Inspections Department webpage, under Additional Permit Information.

Questions?

For other questions, please contact the Inspections Division via 311 at 269-966-3311.