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TOWN OF CLARENCE SWIMMING POOL INFORMATION SHEET

Swimming Pool Definition: Any structure, basin, chamber or tank which is intended for swimming, diving, recreational bathing or wading and which contains, is designed to contain, or is capable of containing water more than 24 inches (610mm) deep at any point. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools, indoor pools, hot tubs, spas, and wading pools.

1. Pools must be located in the rear or side yard, no closer than ten (10) feet from the water's edge of the pool to the side & rear property lines and at least ten (10) feet from the rear or side of a dwelling.
2. Existing grade of the property shall not be altered within five (5) feet of the property line. This includes all berms, retaining walls and other items that may alter the drainage of the surrounding properties.
3. In-ground swimming pools must be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet from an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS-septic system). Above-ground pools must maintain a minimum of ten (10) feet to any part of the OWTS-septic system.
4. Pool equipment (filter, heater) shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from the pool wall so as to prevent such objects from being climbable.
5. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged, any water from a swimming pool over a public sidewalk, into a public street or onto adjacent properties.
6. If the outside faucet is used for the filling of the pool, a **vacuum breaker** must be installed on the hose thread of the outside faucet closest to the pool.
7. All electrical equipment, wiring and appurtenances must be in compliance with the Residential Code of New York State and inspected by **EMPIRE INSPECTIONS** (585-798-1849 or tenderby@empireinsp.com). Please note for above ground pools, an extension cord is not a legal means of running the pool pump motor.
8. Swimming pool enclosure (fence) shall be constructed so as to provide the non-climbable face visible to neighboring properties.
9. Swimming pool fence and dwellings that are serving as part of the enclosure shall be installed in accordance with Section R326 of the Residential Code of New York State.
10. All swimming pools installed, constructed or substantially modified after December 14, 2006 shall be equipped with an acceptable pool alarm capable of detecting a child entering the water and giving an audible alarm at poolside and another location on the premises where the swimming pool is located. Alarms must be classified by Underwriter's Laboratory, Inc. to reference standard ASTM F2208.