Swimming Pool and Enclosure Requirements

Zoning By-Law #Z-213 establishes requirements for swimming pool enclosures and gates installed within the city of Moncton. During pool installation, caution is to be exercised to insure the well-being and safety of the public. Existing fences are required to meet the Zoning By-Law for new swimming pool installation.

ALL PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE AT ALL TIMES to maintain a safe premise by carrying out repairs of any part or parts of the temporary or the permanent pool enclosure, so that it can properly perform the intended function during construction or for as long as the pool is in place, and ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Municipal By-Laws to avoid any danger or life-threatening accidents.

REQUIRED STEPS FOR POOL INSTALLATION to insure your property is safe at all times and that you are complying with the Municipal By-Law requirements:

1) Obtain development and building permits.
2) Maintain a safe and secure premises during construction and installation of the swimming pool and enclosure.
3) Complete the work as approved on the development and building permits.
4) Request an inspection upon completion of work.

ENCLOSURE AND GATE REQUIREMENTS SURROUNDING A SWIMMING POOL

HEIGHT
Minimum: 1.5 m (5 ft)
Maximum: 2 m (6½ ft)

DISTANCES
Distance between the edge of the pool and the enclosure: 1.2 m (4 ft) minimum

LOCATION
Required to be located in rear or side yard.

GATES
All gates shall be self-closing and be equipped with self-latching devices, located only on the interior side at least 1.3 m (4 ft 3 in) from the bottom of the gates. The gates form part of the enclosure and must abide to the same requirements.

If double gates or service gates are needed, one of the gates must be able to be fixed or pinned in place so that it will remain closed when not in use and the other gate must be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices.

NOTE: All swimming pool enclosures constructed shall be non-climbable from the exterior.
Application Requirements

TEMPORARY ENCLOSURES
The temporary enclosures are required as open excavation for installation of a pool is a safety hazard for the public. Temporary enclosures are required during the construction of the swimming pool for a maximum of 90 days and must meet the following specifications:

- Must completely surround the entire swimming pool.
- Minimum height requirement is 1.2 m (4 ft) in height.
- For a chain link fence, plastic mesh or wire fencing, the opening cannot be greater than 50 mm (2 in). In the case of other materials not listed above, openings cannot be any greater than 100 mm (4 in).
- Must be supported vertically by posts placed at a maximum spacing of 3 m (10 ft).
- Must be supported horizontally at the top and bottom by wood, wire, rope or other materials.
- Must have a ground clearance not greater than 50 mm (2 in).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
In order to obtain development and building permits for a proposed swimming pool and enclosure, you will be required to submit the following:

- Site plan indicating the location of all proposed work.
- Detailed sketch of enclosure and gate(s).
- Construction drawings of any additional structures (i.e. decks, sheds, pool houses, etc).
- Complete plumbing permit application for review of backflow prevention requirements (if applicable).
- NB Power approval letter for easement encroachment (if applicable). Contact NB Power 1-800-663-6272.
- Approval from the City of Moncton Engineering Department is required for encroachment onto municipal service easement (if applicable).

PERMITS REQUIRED

| Swimming pool that can contain more than 1 m (39 in) of water requires a conforming enclosure | Development Permit | Building Permit |
| Fence to enclose swimming pool | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fence to enclose property without swimming pool | ✓ | ✓ |
| Additional structures (sheds, decks, pool houses, etc.) | ✓ | ✓ |

The property owner will be required to rectify any deficiency or infraction(s) within a timely manner to maintain the safety of their property with a swimming pool.

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