



City of Howe, Texas

Residential Swimming Pool Permits

When is a permit needed? A permit is required for all residential swimming pools erected below ground or above ground with a depth of two (2) feet or greater.

What are the requirements for a Residential Swimming Pool?

1. No building permit shall be issued unless the proposed sanitary facilities and water supply comply with applicable local and State health department regulations.
2. The pool is not located in any required front or side yard abutting a street.
3. A wall or fence not less than six (6) feet in height, with self-enclosing and self-latching gates that are lockable at all entrances, completely encloses either the pool area or the surrounding yard area.
4. All lighting of the pool is shielded or directed to face away from adjoining residence. If lights are not individually shielded they shall be so placed, or the enclosing wall or fence shall be so designed, that direct rays from the lights shall not be visible for adjacent properties.
5. No broadcasting system is used for the purpose of advertising the operation of the pool or for the attraction of persons to the premises. This shall not prevent a public address system necessary or useful to the supervision of the pool and the safety of swimmers.
6. The swimming pool is no closer than eight (8) feet from any property line.
7. Be sure to check with your homeowner's association to see if there are deed restrictions that may apply.

What is needed to obtain a permit? A plan review is required, and a permit fee of _____ is due upon permit issuance.

Submittal documents: Fill out a Residential permit application and submit the following to the City of Howe:

(2) Site Plans to include:

Legal Description (lot, block, subdivision), Property lines and lot dimensions, Proposed location of pool and all existing buildings, All easements, Location of septic system including spray area, North area and scale, Stamped approval of utility company, Proposed pool enclosure, Equipment dimensions in reference to property lines.

(2) Pool Design and Specifications

Must include all gas and electric devices, backflow prevention device, diving areas and size of diving board, ladders, depths of water, decking, and equipment drawings/diagrams.

A separate fence permit is not required for a pool, however, pool enclosures must be shown on submitted documents and requires an inspection.