

SWIMMING POOLS AND PONDS

Sec. 10-21 Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Pond means any privately owned manmade depression in the ground, either temporary or permanent, in which water more than 18 inches deep is contained.

Swimming pool means any depression in the ground, either temporary or permanent, or a container of water, either temporary or permanent and either above or below the ground, in which water more than 18 inches deep is contained and which is used primarily for the purpose of bathing or swimming.

Sec. 10-22 Regulated

No person shall, construct, install or enlarge a residential swimming pool not enclosed in a permanent building or pond in the town except in accordance with this article.

Sec. 10-23 Permit

(a) *Required.* No person shall construct, install, enlarge or alter any private swimming pool or pond unless a permit therefore has first been obtained from the land use administrator.

1. The fee for the permit shall be established from time to time by resolution of the town board.

(b) *Application.* Application shall be on forms provided by the land use administrator and shall be accompanied by plans drawn to scale showing the following:

1. Location of pool or pond on lot, distance from lot lines and distance from structures.

2. Location of septic tank, filter bed and sewer lines.

3. Pool or pond dimensions and volume of water in gallons.

4. Location of fence, and type, size and gate location, if applicable.

5. Existing overhead wiring relative to proposed pool or pond.

Sec. 10-24 Construction requirements

(a) No pool or pond shall be located, erected, constructed or maintained closer to any side or rear lot line than allowed by chapter 62 for permitted accessory building uses, and the waterline of any pool or pond shall be not less than 5 feet from any lot line or building.

(b) No connection shall be made to the sanitary sewer or septic system.

(c) Gaseous chlorination systems shall not be used for disinfecting pool waters.

(d) No pool shall be less than 5 feet from any septic system or less than 25 feet from any well.

Sec. 10-25 Fences

- (a) *Required.* All swimming pools not enclosed within a permanent building located in a subdivision or within 150 feet of a residence of another shall be completely enclosed by a fence of sufficient strength to prevent access to the pool, not less than 4 feet in height and so constructed as not to have voids, holes or openings larger than 4 inches in one dimension. The wall of the house or building facing a pool may be incorporated as a portion of such fence. No fence shall be located, erected, constructed or maintained closer than 3 feet to a pool. Gates or doors shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use.
- (b) *Exceptions*
 - (1) Above ground swimming pools with walls that are at least 4 feet high at all points around such pool or have platforms and railings that are 4 feet or more in height above the ground are not required to be enclosed as provided in subsection (a) of this section; however, all ladders and stairways providing access to such pools shall be adequately fenced and fitted with gates or be folded up and locked to prevent entry when the pool is not in use.
 - (2) Belowground swimming pools or ponds which have a slope of no more than 4 to 1 from any point on the perimeter of such pool or pond for at least a distance of 20 feet toward the center of such pool or pond are not required to be enclosed as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 10-26 Electrical requirements

- (a) *To comply with electrical codes.* All electrical installations shall require to be installed according to and shall be governed by the state electrical code.
- (b) *Pool lights.* If overhead flood or other artificial lights are used to illuminate the pool or pond at night, such lights shall be shielded to direct light only on the pool.

Sec. 10-27 Use of pool

No pool shall be so operated as to create a nuisance, a hazard or an eyesore or otherwise to result in a substantial adverse effect on neighboring properties.

Swimming Pool or Pond Application

(Fee: \$315 for in-ground pool, no fee for above ground)

Town of Beaver Dam

W8540 County Road W
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
920-887-0791 x15

Applicant (Agent) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Property Owner (If different from applicant) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Parcel Identification Number (PIN) _____

Site Address _____

A site plan **drawn to scale** must be included with all applications, and must show:

1. Location of pool or pond on lot, distance from lot lines and distance from structures.
2. Location of well, septic tank, filter bed and sewer lines.
3. Pool or pond dimensions and volume of water in gallons.
4. Location of fence, and type, size and gate location, if applicable.
5. Existing overhead wiring relative to proposed pool or pond.
6. Method of compliance with s. 10.25 and s. 10.26 of the Town Code.

Note: Pools or ponds located within 1,000 feet of Beaver Dam Lake, Lake George or Crystal Lake or within 300 feet of a navigable river or stream also require a permit from Dodge County.

Certificate

I hereby certify that I am the owner and/or authorized agent of the property and that all the above statements and attachments submitted are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Also, all work performed and equipment installed shall meet all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Wisconsin.

Signature of owner or authorized agent _____ Date _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Disposition (For Town use only)

Date Permit Issued/Denied _____

Reason for denial (if applicable) _____

Permit Number _____

Total Fees Paid \$ _____ Date Collected _____

Land Use Administrator _____