

CHAPTER 6

BUILDING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I - SWIMMING POOLS

6-1-1 **DEFINITION.** The term “**swimming pool**” is hereby defined as any receptacle for water, either above or below ground level, that is intended to be used for the immersion or partial immersion of human beings, and includes all appurtenant equipment.

6-1-2 **REGULATIONS.** In regard to the operation, use, and maintenance of private swimming pools, the following regulations shall be complied with:

(A) No portion of a swimming pool outside a building shall be located at a distance less than **eight (8) feet** from any side or rear property line, or building line. Pumps, filters and pool water disinfection equipment installations shall be located at a distance not less than **eight (8) feet** from any side property line. **(See Ch. 40 - Zoning)**

(B) It shall be unlawful to proceed with the construction, installation, enlargement or alteration of any private residential swimming pool and appurtenances within the Village unless permits therefor shall have first been obtained from the building inspector. The fee for a permit for the construction of a swimming pool shall be **Ten Dollars (\$10.00)**.

(C) All drawings and plans for the construction, installation, enlargement or alteration of any swimming pool and appurtenances shall first be presented to the building inspector for examination and approval as to proper location and construction.

(D) All private residential swimming pools, appurtenances, water supply and drainage systems shall be constructed in conformity with the approved plans.

(E) All outdoor swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a fence. All fence openings or points of entry into pool area enclosure shall be equipped with gates. The fence and gates shall be not less than **four (4) feet**, nor more than **six (6) feet** in height above the grade level and shall be constructed of a minimum number 9 gauge woven wire mess corrosion-resistant material, or similar material. All gates shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed at the top of the gate.

(F) **Two (2)** or more means of egress in the form of steps or ladders shall be provided for all swimming pools.

(G) Every swimming pool shall be equipped with facilities for completely emptying the water therefrom. The water so emptied from the pool shall not be permitted to run into sanitary sewers or onto abutting property.

(H) For safety purposes, life-saving buoys, ropes, and poles shall be maintained within the pool fence.

(I) Whenever night lighting shall be installed, the rays of such lighting shall be directed away from abutting property.

(J) Any noise resulting from the use of any swimming pool shall be substantially diminished after **10:00 P.M.**, so that abutting and nearby residents are not disturbed.

(K) It shall be unlawful to construct, maintain, use, or enlarge any swimming pool in the Village except in compliance with all the provisions of this Code and the Zoning Code.

(Ord. No. 507; 06-06-78)

ARTICLE II - FIRE REGULATIONS

6-2-1 **DEFINITIONS.** The following terms shall apply with regard to this Article:

“Flammable Liquids” as used in this Article shall be construed to mean coal oil, benzene, turpentine, gasoline, propane, petroleum or any products thereof in liquid form.

“Explosive” shall mean gunpowder, black powder, nitroglycerine, T.N.T., dynamite, and similar materials except for ammunition and very small amounts used only for medicinal purposes.

“Extinguish” shall be defined to mean that the flame is completely dead and that no smoldering exists.

6-2-2 **EXPLOSIVES.** It shall be unlawful to store any explosives within the Village.

6-2-3 **TANKS AND RECEPTACLES.** It shall be unlawful to store any flammable liquids in any other but lead-proof metallic tanks or receptacles in the Village. Provided, that receptacles and tanks of other materials may be used if such material used is leak and absorption proof. It shall be unlawful to store any flammable liquids in greater quantity than **fifteen (15) gallons** in any building in the Village, except in an underground tank. Tanks containing more than **fifteen (15) gallons** of such liquids must be equipped with adequate escape valves.

6-2-4 **OPEN BURNING OF REFUSE.** The outdoor burning of refuse, including but not limited to paint, oil, automobiles, tires, plastics, building materials, grass and weed clippings, garbage, trash, debris or any other noxious combustible materials, within the boundaries of the Village is hereby prohibited; however, nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit the burning of wood, charcoal, gasoline or other clean fuel oil, or natural gas, in a fireplace, grill, or a like facility for cooking or social heating purposes. Recreation fires may burn until midnight. All recreation fires shall be extinguished after **12:00 midnight**.

6-2-5 **LEAF BURNING.** The burning of leaves or trees and shrubbery trimmings and clippings is permitted providing:

(A) The burning is conducted between the hours of **10:00 A.M.** and sunset.

(B) The burning is not conducted on any public street, alley or thoroughfare; and all leaf and shrub burning shall be confined to **two (2) feet** or more of the edge of the oil mat.

(C) The burning shall not create a visibility hazard on streets or railroad tracks.

(D) All residue that is produced by the burning of lawful items shall be cleaned, and the area shall be restored to a normal state within **five (5) working days**.

6-2-6 **LOCATION.** No fires shall be started within **one hundred (100) feet** of any gasoline station, fertilizer plant or storage area, elevator or business establishment. No fires shall be built or lit so close to any building or other structure or any street or sidewalk or pavement as to endanger it. Burning containers and burning barrels may be placed not less than **eight (8) feet** from the tar patch, street pavement, or other improved street surface; but in no event shall burning containers or burning barrels block or obstruct any public sidewalk, street or other public thoroughfare. **(Ord. No. 97-01; 11-20-96)**

6-2-7 **BURNING REQUIREMENTS.** No fires shall burn for more than **four (4) consecutive hours**. All fires shall be completely extinguished by sunset. All fires shall be personally attended by someone over the age of **sixteen (16) years**.

6-2-8 **FIRE HAZARDS.** Upon finding any hazardous or dangerous condition, it shall be the duty of the Fire Chief or any other person so designated by the Mayor to direct that such conditions be corrected. As a guide to giving orders or suggestions for correction of hazardous fire conditions, either as to buildings or materials therein, or the business operated therein, the Fire Chief is hereby authorized to use the "Fire Prevention Code", as required by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the rules and regulations as therein set forth.

6-2-9 **INSPECTIONS.** The Fire Chief may enter and inspect any premises or materials therein, for the purpose of eliminating conditions that might present fire hazards, when the Fire Chief:

- (A) Has the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises; or
- (B) Has reasonable cause to believe that the premises present a fire hazard and has obtained a search warrant identifying the premises to be entered and the purpose of the inspection.

6-2-10 **ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.** All persons shall obey the orders and directions of the Fire Chief issued to enforce the provisions of this Article. All police officers shall be empowered to write citations for any violations of this Code and/or ordinances as pertaining to burning.

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