

SWIMMING POOL (RESIDENTIAL) BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

City of Auburn
1369 4th Ave.
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The purpose of this document is to provide guidance in obtaining a building permit for a Residential Swimming Pool. A residential swimming pool is defined as “any structure intended for noncommercial swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches deep, including in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

All swimming pools, spas, and associated improvements must adhere to the standards set forth in the 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code w/ Georgia Amendments and the 2012 International Residential Code.

Step 1: Obtain approval from Barrow County Environmental Health.

If home is served by a private septic tank system, you must receive approval from the Barrow Environmental Health Services office before a permit can be issued.

Step 2: Submit swimming pool site plan and Auburn building permit application.

Site plan must show property boundaries and distances from proposed structures, pool and pool decking location, fence/barrier location, access gate location, accessory pool structures, house footprint, easements (if applicable), and stream buffers (if applicable). Pools must be in the rear yard and set back from property lines according to city ordinances.

- **Fence/Barrier Requirement:** Swimming pools must be enclosed within a 4-foot high fence or barrier. Openings in any barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere. All access gates to the pool shall be self-closing and self-latching. Walls of a dwelling may serve as part of the barrier if one of the following is met: 1) the pool is equipped with a powered safety cover; 2) All

- doors with direct access to pool are equipped with an alarm; 3) other means such as self-closing doors and self-latching devices.
- If the walls of an above-ground pool are used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure and means of access is a ladder or steps, then: 1) the ladder or steps shall be capable of being locked, secured, or removed to prevent access, or: 2) the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier.

Step 3: Site plan and application review

Swimming pool site plan and application will be reviewed and permit will be issued upon payment of permit fee.

- **Swimming Pool fee:** \$6.50 per \$1000 of estimated construction cost (minimum fee of \$120)
- **Additional Documents: Sub-Contractor certifications** (plumbing, electrical, mechanical) required.

Step 4: Inspections:

Inspections will typically include electrical, plumbing, and mechanical(heating/gas line) if required. Inspections must be successfully passed and with required barriers in place prior to filling the pool with water and occupancy. Inspections are requested by calling **(770) 963- 4002 ext. 229**.

- Swimming pools under construction and filled with water must have a temporary fence until permanent fence is installed.

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