

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD

Staff Summary

**** ACTION ITEM****

Council Meeting of: August 6, 2020

Prepared By: Andrew Morris, City Administrator



Department: Administration/Fire Department

Department Head: Andrew Morris, City Administrator

City Administrator Approval: Andrew Morris, City Administrator

AGENDA TITLE: Residential Swimming Pools

 ****Public hearing required if this line is checked.****

DISCUSSION: At present the City does not have an ordinance or policy that addresses above and at ground residential swimming pools. Residential swimming pools shall have a depth in excess of eighteen inches, and shall require an enclosure. This could be a tarp or covering. Pools must have a filter and a six foot non-climbable fence. Residential pools can not be located less than four feet from a side or rear lot line. Residential pools shall be located in the rear yard of the property. The pedestrian gates shall open outward away from the pool, and shall be self closing with a self latching device.

In consultation with Chief McClure we thought it best to incorporate these regulations into Code and made applicable the summer/fall of 2021. This will allow fire department personnel to familiarize themselves with the Code provisions, and obtain a better understanding of the regulations. All items being equal, pool inspections would begin in the spring of 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: Consider and discuss above ground and at ground residential swimming pools.

Source of Funds: N.A.

Budgeted Item:N.A.

Budget Amendment Needed: N.A.

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, IOWA

ORDINANCE NO # _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, IN REGARD TO ZONING REGULATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, IOWA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 165 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bloomfield, Iowa is hereby amended, as follows:

165.17(6)

All swimming pools shall be constructed and equipped according to current ordinances of the City of Bloomfield, Iowa, Code of Iowa and all rules and regulations of the Iowa Department of Health. The location of the swimming pools shall be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council of the City of Bloomfield, Iowa.

Definition of a Residential Swimming Pool: A water-filled enclosure accessory to a one or two family dwelling or townhouse structure, that is portable or permanently constructed, intended for swimming or recreational bathing that has the ability to contain more than 24 inches in depth. This include in-ground, above ground, and on-ground swimming pools, or spas.

A permit is required for any residential swimming pool/water-filled enclosure. The permit fees for said items are in Code Section 165.18. Said minimum requirements are as follows:

1. A swimming pool with a depth in excess of 24 inches shall require a secured enclosure.
2. In-ground pools must have a six-foot non-climbable fence that shall be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching, and outward opening gate.
3. Pools cannot be located less than four feet from a side or rear lot line.
4. Above ground pools should have barriers such as a non-climbable gate that blocks the ladder from being climbed or the ladder be removed completely when not in use.
5. The pool enclosure should be sufficiently strong to make the pool inaccessible to small children.

165.31(3)(A)

A. Building Permit Fee (Residential)

Small Buildings (including portable storage sheds, fences, decks, porches, paved drive/parking, and signs) \$5.00

Above/Below ground pool \$5.00

SECTION 2: Severability Clause—If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3: Repealer—All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: When Effective: This ordinance shall be effective _____.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Bloomfield, Iowa, this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor, Dan Wiegand

Attest:

City Clerk, Sandy Jones