

## What you need to know about installing or maintaining a pool in Bethel Park!

With summer approaching, many residents are planning to install or maintain a pool on their property. Before you begin, here are some key points to keep in mind!

### Pool Regulations:

- All pools (*new or replacement*) with the capability of holding 24" or more of water must obtain a permit.
- Any water that is drained from the pool needs to be put into the sanitary system, normally accessed through the fresh air vent. **Pools cannot be drained to the storm system** due to the impact of chlorine on stream ecosystems.
- Deduct meters cannot be used for filling pools because pool water will eventually be drained to and treated by the sanitary system.

### Pool Permit Requirements:

- A property survey, a residential permit application, and the pool, ladder and barrier information is to be submitted for the permit.
- The location of the pool needs to be shown on the survey along with the location of any fence and gates for inground pools. Pools need to be at least 10' from the side property line, 5' from the rear property line, and be placed behind the front face of the building.
- Gates must be self-closing with an extended 54" locking latch.
- Any door/window with access to an inground pool needs to have a pool alarm.
- A third-party electrical inspection agency needs to do a rough and final electrical inspection.
- Above-ground pool ladders need to be safety ladders that fold and lock when the pool is not in use.
- Pools are not permitted to be installed on any easement.
- Concrete walkways around pools may require stormwater management based on the square footage. Any pool installed on a hillside must provide a geotechnical report.
- All pools are required to have a minimum of a 48" barrier around the pool.

**If you have any questions, please contact Residential Building Inspector - 412-831-6800 ext. 133**