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56.01 Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to regulate swimming pools in order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public.

56.02 Permit Required. A permit shall be required for all swimming pools with a capacity of 5,000 gallons and/or 25 inches or more in depth. Portable/temporary pools shall only require a one-time permit as long as the portable/temporary pool is placed in the same location each time it is erected.

56.03 Application. Each application for a permit to construct or erect a swimming pool shall be accompanied by complete plans and specifications, which shall include at a minimum:

- A. The proposed location and its relationship to the other principal buildings on the lot.
- B. The size of the pool.
- C. Fencing and other fixtures existing on the lot, including utility location and trees.
- D. The location, size, and types of equipment to be used in connection with the pool, including but not limited to filter unit, pump fencing, and the pool itself.
- E. That the requirements contained below will be satisfied.

56.04 Miscellaneous Requirements. The following standards and requirements shall apply to any pool for which a permit is needed.

Subd. 1. The conduct of the persons using or operating a pool shall be the responsibility of the owner or tenant of the subject property. Persons using or operating a pool are prohibited from conduct which constitutes a nuisance or breach of the peace.

Subd. 2. Any outdoor lighting of the pool or pool area shall be designed and

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installed so that the fixture is enclosed on all sides except the bottom and no light shall shine directly on any other property or right-of-way.

Subd. 3. Filling of pools from fire hydrants or other public facilities is prohibited unless prior approval from the public works director is received.

56.05 Fencing. Any permanent or semi-permanent pool, regardless of size, must be fenced. Fences shall be at least 4 feet in height. The bottoms of the Fences shall not be more than 4 inches from the ground. Fences shall be of a noncorrosive material and shall be constructed so as to be not easily climbable. All Fence openings or points of entry into the pool enclosure shall be equipped with gates or doors. All gates or doors to swimming pools shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed at a sufficient height so as to be inaccessible to all small children.

Amendment History of this Section

Amended May 16, 2006 (R2006-21) Effective Date: February 21, 2007. Amended as follows: 56.02 changed requirement for a permit to 5,000 gallons and/or 25 inches or more in depth and added provision for one-time permit for portable/temporary pools; revised 56.04 to add subdivisions 1-3; moved fencing requirement to 56.05 and provided that any permanent or semi-permanent pool, regardless of size, must be fenced.