



**SWATARA TOWNSHIP**  
**Swimming Pool/Hot Tub Requirements**  
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\*Swimming pools that are less than 18" in water depth are not regulated by Swatara Township Building/Zoning Codes and DO NOT require permits.

The following items must be submitted to obtain a permit for a swimming pool/hot tub.

1. **Plot plan** – Provide a copy of a plot plan or lot survey showing the proposed location of the swimming pool/hot tub.

2. **Drawing requirements:**

A. **Decks** – surrounding swimming pool/hot tub

1. Size of posts and footer design
2. Size and material of support beams
3. Size and spacing of floor joists
4. Handrails, wall/fence details
5. Locking mechanism and/or alarms used
6. Floor plan
7. Elevation details
8. Two (2) copies of detailed construction drawings

\*Refer to deck building guide for additional details

B. **Swimming Pool/Hot tub plans:**

1. Two (2) sets of details from the swimming pool/hot tub manufacturer that illustrate the design of the swimming pool/hot tub.
2. Two (2) sets of details that identify all required alarms, locking devices, fences/walls, gates, safety covers, etc.

3. **Applications**

A completed building permit application and zoning permit application are required at the time of submission along with payment for the required fees.

4. **Electrical**

If there is electrical work being done on the proposed swimming pool/hot tub, a third party electrical inspection is required. A list of approved agencies is available at the Code Enforcement Office.

\*Please check with your Homeowner's Association for any regulations prior to applying for a building or zoning permit.



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Swimming pools and hot tubs must be installed in accordance with Chapter 41 and Appendix G of the 2009 International Residential Code.

Below is a list of common code requirements:

#### 1. Above-ground pools

**Fence/Wall** – A swimming pool/hot tub constructed above ground must have a four (4) foot high fence/wall around the perimeter with ladders or climbing devices secured and locked when not in use.

**Grade of Yard B** – When the grade of the yard is not level and must be excavated, the four (4) foot height vertically must be maintained four (4) feet horizontally around the pool/hot tub.

**Electrical Devices, Pumps, Filters** – If the swimming pool/hot tub is equipped with electrical pumps, filters, or other devices, the equipment shall be surrounded by a four (4) foot fence/wall to prevent individuals from climbing onto the equipment and then into the pool area.

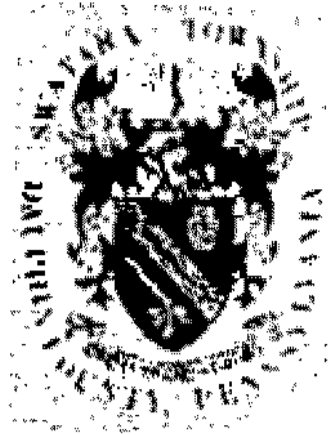
**2. In-ground pools** – If the wall of a house serves as part of the barrier, all doors that open from the house that lead into the pool area must be equipped with an audible alarm that meets section AG105.2.9.9.2, or a fence/wall which meets code installed between the pool and the house, or a powered safety cover installed in accordance with ASTM F 1346.

**3. Fences/walls** – Every swimming pool/hot tub shall be surrounded by a fence/wall that is not less than four (4) feet in height. The fence/wall may not have openings, holes, or gaps that allow the passage of a four (4) inch diameter sphere. The maximum distance from the bottom of the fence/wall to grade level can not exceed two (2) inches.

**4. Gates** – All gates shall be equipped with a self closing, self latching device that keeps the gate or door secured at all times. If the gate mechanism is located less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate, the mechanism and opening shall comply with the following:

1. The release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate and not less than 3 inches below the top of the gate.
2. The gate shall not have an opening greater than 0.5 inch within 18 inches of the release mechanism.

**5. Electrical** – All electrical work shall be installed as required in Chapter 41 of the 2009 International Residential Code. The work must be inspected by an approved third party inspection agency as listed with the Swatara Township Code Enforcement Office.



**RESIDENTIAL**  
**BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION**  
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Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Development: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Information (Person notified to pick up permit) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Type of permit: [ ] New Construction [ ] Addition/Alteration [ ] Shed [ ] Pool [ ] Sign [ ] Other

**Describe proposed work in detail**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

On lot sewage system	yes	no	Type of heat	_____
Sanitary Sewer system	yes	no	Roof Material	_____
Public Water	yes	no	Size of building	_____
Located in Flood plain	yes	no	Square feet living	_____
Number of stories	_____	_____	Square feet total	_____
Number of Bedrooms	_____	_____	Square feet garage	_____
Number of Bathrooms	_____	_____	Garage type: Attached Basement Detached	_____
Deck: Y or N Size	_____	_____	Fireplace: Y or N Fuel type	_____
Enclosed Porch: Y or N	_____	_____	Is this lot greater than 1 acre	Y or N
Finished basement: Y or N	_____	_____	Square foot added by permit	_____

General Contractor as listed on Workman's compensation insurance or notarized waiver:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated value of construction: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMIT REQUIRES TWO (2) SETS OF CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS**

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application I am certifying that all work will comply with the Uniform Construction Code and all other applicable adopted codes and ordinances for Swatara Township. I also certify that the facts and estimated values set forth in the application have been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge are true, correct, and complete.

FOR TOWNSHIP USE ONLY	
TAX MAP PARCEL NO. _____	IS OWNER A LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKER OR JUDGE? _____
DATE OF COMPLETE SUBMISSION _____	WARD NO. _____
FEES PAID _____	
NOTES _____	



SWATARA TOWNSHIP

Zoning Permit Application

Application is hereby made to Swatara Township for a Zoning Permit in conformity with the requirements of Zoning Ordinance No. 2010-01 and any amendments thereto; for the following work.

Location of Proposed Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] New Construction [ ] Addition [ ] Shed [ ] Pool [ ] Sign [ ] Change of Use [ ] Other

Description of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Setbacks</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Existing/Proposed Use:</u> _____
Front Yard	_____	_____	Lot Area: _____ SF
Left Side	_____	_____	Proposed Coverage: _____ SF
Right Side	_____	_____	Proposed Height: _____
Rear Yard	_____	_____	Parking Spaces Required/Proposed: _____

\*A dimensional site plan must accompany this application showing all existing features/proposed work.\*

Stakeout Inspections are required on ALL applications. Applicants shall stake out the property lines & proposed work area, then notify the Township so an inspection can be performed by the Zoning Officer.

You may not proceed with construction until the Stakeout Inspection has been performed.

I hereby acknowledge the information contained herein is true and correct, and I hereby agree that all applicable provisions of the Swatara Township Zoning Ordinance shall be complied with.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Property located within the 100 year floodplain? \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel No. 63- \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning Officer Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Stakeout Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail Date: \_\_\_\_\_