

POOLS AND SPAS

When installing a swimming pool or spa, numerous Federal, State and City rules apply.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

- Apply for a permit. Provide a site plan showing location of pool, equipment, existing house doors, gates, fencing, etc.
- Two inspections take place during new pool construction: Pre-gunite and Pre-plaster
- Only one inspection is required for an above ground pool or manufactured spa.



PRIMARY BARRIERS

A.R.S. § 36-1681: A yard containing a swimming pool, or spa shall be entirely enclosed by at least a 5 foot wall, fence, or other barrier, as measured on the exterior side. The (non-climbable) barrier shall have no openings through which a spherical object four inches in diameter can pass.

Gates shall be:

1. Self-closing and self-latching.
2. Open outward from the pool and/or spa.
3. Latch hardware must be at least 54" above the ground

4. And be at least 5 feet in height and meet the same construction design requirements of a fence barrier.
5. Gates over 4 feet wide, such as double gates for vehicles, must be padlocked at all times if not self-closing/self-latching.

SECONDARY BARRIERS

City Code requires:

If a residence or living area constitutes part of the barrier required...there shall be one of the following:

1. Between the swimming pool/spa and the residence or living area, a minimum 5 feet high wall, fence, or barrier separates the pool/spa area., or
2. All doors with direct access to the swimming pool/spa...shall be equipped with a self-closing/self-latching device, along with latching hardware located a minimum of 54" above floor.
3. Door alarms will be allowed as an exception only for large sliding glass doors.
4. Pet doors are not allowed to breach the required pool/spa barrier, unless an added barrier fence is installed between the pet door and the pool/spa.



ABOVE GROUND SPAS AND POOLS

- All Federal, State and City primary barrier requirements apply.

Secondary barriers :

- Spa lid/cover that can support 90 lbs.
- Removable or locking ladder for above ground pools



ANTI-ENTRAPMENT

Virginia Graeme-Baker Act Federal Law

New or replacement suction covers must comply with the provisions of this law to prevent entrapment. Suction covers must be curved (not flat) and two suction inlets must be installed in all new construction.

A.R.S. § 36-1681(E) A person selling, renting or leasing a dwelling with a pool/spa shall give the buyer, lessee, or renter a notice explaining pool/spa safety education and responsibilities of pool/spa ownership as required by the Department of Health Services.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION:

City of Litchfield Park :

<http://www.litchfield-park.org/447/Swimming-Pool-Spa-Barriers>

State of Arizona:

§ A.R.S. 36-1681

<http://www.azleg.gov/ars/36/01681.htm>

Federal Regulations:

Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act

<https://www.poolsafely.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/pssa.pdf>

For more information, visit the entire
“Guidelines When Building Within the City”
series at
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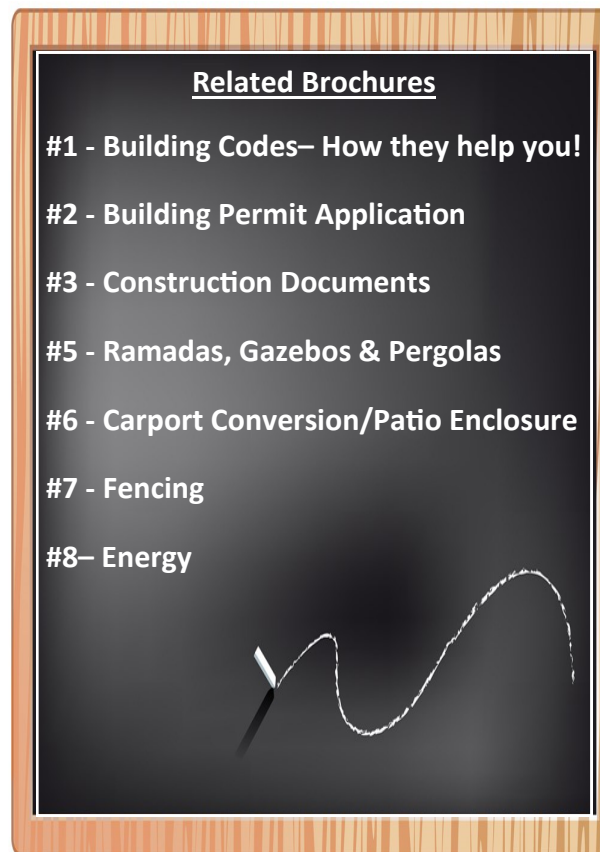
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