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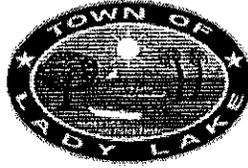
**Town of Lady Lake  
Building Department**  
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**Pool, Spa, & Hot Tub Permit Requirements**

A permit is required prior to installing a pool, spa, or hot tub. The following conditions applies to pool, spa, and hot tub permits:

1. Permit Application (Completed, signed, & notarized)
2. Alternate Key or Parcel Identification Number
3. Copy of the contract
4. Two (2) site plans drawn to scale showing the size of the lot, setbacks, all improvements to be built on site, and all existing structures.
5. Two (2) sets of detailed construction plans that are signed and sealed by an engineer.
6. Pool, Spa, & Hot Tub Safety Act (Form completed & signed)
7. If the property is within the Villages then we need a copy of the Architectural Review Committee Approval.
8. Notice of Commencement (Recorded)



TOWN OF LADY LAKE  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Residential Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Safety Act  
Notice of Requirements

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that a new swimming pool, spa or hot tub will be constructed or installed at \_\_\_\_\_ and hereby affirm that one of the following methods will be used to meet the requirements of Chapter 515 of the Florida Statutes.

Please initial next to the following method(s) to be used for your pool, spa or hot tub

\_\_\_\_\_ The pool/hot tub/spa will be isolated from access to the home by an enclosure that meets the pool barrier requirements of Florida Statute 515.29.

\_\_\_\_\_ The pool/hot tub/spa will be equipped with an approved safety pool cover that complies with ASTM F1346-91 (Standard Performance Specifications for Safety Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs).

\_\_\_\_\_ All doors and windows providing direct access from the home to the pool/hot tub/spa will be equipped with an exit alarm that has a minimum sound pressure rating of 85 decibels at 10 feet.

\_\_\_\_\_ All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool/hot tub/spa will be equipped with self-closing, self-latching devices with release mechanisms placed no lower than 54" above the floor or deck.

I understand that not having one of the above installed at the time of final inspection or when the pool is completed for contract purpose will constitute a violation of Chapter 515 of the Florida Statutes and will be considered as committing a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable by fines up to \$500 and/or up to 60 days in jail as established in Chapter 775 of the Florida Statutes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Signature

424.2.17.1.10 Where an aboveground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps, the ladder or steps either shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access, or the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets the requirements of 424.2.17.1.1 through 424.2.17.1.9 and 424.2.17.1.12 through 424.2.17.1.14. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere.

424.2.17.1.11 Standard screen enclosures which meet the requirements of section 424.2.17 may be utilized as part of or all of the "barrier" and shall be considered a "non-dwelling" wall. One end of the barrier shall not be removable without the aid of tools.

424.2.17.1.12 The barrier must be placed around the perimeter of the pool and must be separate from any fence, wall, or other enclosure surrounding the yard unless the fence, wall, or other enclosure or portion thereof is situated on the perimeter of the pool, is being used as part of the barrier, and meets the barrier requirements of this section.

424.2.17.1.13 The barrier must be placed sufficiently away from the water's edge to prevent a young child or medically frail elderly person who may manage to penetrate the barrier from immediately falling into the water. Sufficiently away from the water's edge shall mean no less than 20 inches from the barrier to the water's edge. Dwelling or non-dwelling walls, when used as part or all of the "barrier" and meeting the other barrier requirements, may be as close to the water's edge as permitted by this code.

424.2.17.1.14 A wall of a dwelling may serve as part of the barrier if it does not contain any door or window that opens to provide direct access from the home to the swimming pool.

424.2.17.2 Indoor swimming pools. All walls surrounding indoor swimming pools shall comply with 424.2.17.1.9.

424.2.17.3 Prohibited locations. A barrier may not be located in a way that allows any permanent structure, equipment, or window that opens to provide access from the home to the swimming pool.

424.2.18 Ladders and Steps. All pools whether public or private shall be provided with a ladder or steps in the shallow end where water depth exceeds 24 inches.

In private pools where water depth exceeds 5 ft, there shall be ladders, stairs or underwater benches/swimouts in the deep end. Where manufactured diving equipment is to be used, benches or swimouts shall be recessed or located in a corner.

424.2.19 Final Inspection. All swimming pool installations must be completed. The pool shall be completely filled with water and in operation before final inspection.

424.2.20 Filters. The entire design of matched components shall have sufficient capacity to provide a complete turnover of pool water in 12 hours or less.

424.2.20.1 Sand Filters.

424.2.20.1.1 Approved types. Rapid sand filters (flow up to 5 gpm/sq ft) shall be constructed in accordance with approved standards. Where high rate sand filters (flow in excess of 5 gpm/sq ft) are used, they shall be of an approved type. The circulation system and backwash piping shall be adequate for proper backwashing of said filter and shall provide backwash flow rates of at least 12 gpm/sq ft for rapid sand filters or 15 gpm/sq ft for high rate sand filters.

424.2.20.1.2 Instructions. Every filter system shall be provided with written operating instructions.

424.2.20.1.3 Filter system equipment. On pressure type filters, a means shall be provided to permit the release of internal pressure. A filter incorporating an automatic internal air release as its principal means of air release shall have lids which provide a slow and safe release of pressure as part of its design. A separation tank used in conjunction with a filter tank shall have as part of its design a manual means of air release or a lid which provides a slow and safe release of pressure as it is opened.

424.2.20.2 Diatomite Type Filters

424.2.20.2.1 Design. Diatomite-type filters shall be designed for operation under either pressure or vacuum. The design capacity for both pressure and vacuum filters shall not exceed 2 gpm/sq ft of effective filter area.

424.2.20.2.2 Filter aid. Provision shall be made to introduce filter aid into the filter in such a way as to evenly precoat the filter septum.

424.2.21 Pool Fittings

424.2.21.1 Approved type. Pool fittings shall be of an approved type and design as to be appropriate for the specific application.

**424.2.17.1 Outdoor Swimming Pools.** Outdoor swimming pools shall be provided with a barrier complying with 424.2.17.1.1 through 424.2.17.1.14.

**424.2.17.1.1** The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade the barrier may be at ground level or mounted on top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches.

**424.2.17.1.2** The barrier may not have any gaps, openings, indentations, protrusions, or structural components that could allow a young child to crawl under, squeeze through, or climb over the barrier as herein described below. One end of the barrier shall not be removable without the aid of tools. Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere.

**424.2.17.1.3** Solid barriers which do not have openings shall not contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.

**424.2.17.1.4** Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches, the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches in width. Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches in width.

**424.2.17.1.5** Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is 45 inches or more, spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 4 inches. Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches in width.

**424.2.17.1.6** Maximum mesh size for chain link fences shall be a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch square unless the fence is provided with slats fastened at the top or bottom which reduce the openings to no more than 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches.

**424.2.17.1.7** Where the barrier is composed of diagonal members, the maximum opening formed by the diagonal members shall be no more than 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches.

**424.2.17.1.8** Access gates, when provided, shall comply with the requirements of 424.2.17.1.1 through 424.2.17.1.7 and shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching locking device located no less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate. The device release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate and so placed that it cannot be reached by a young child over the top or through any opening or gap. Gates that provide access to the swimming pool must open outward away from the pool. The gates and barrier shall have no opening greater than 1/2 inch within 18 inches of the release mechanism.

**424.2.17.1.9** Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier, one of the following shall apply:

1. All doors and windows providing direct access from the home to the pool shall be equipped with an exit alarm complying with UL 2017 that has a minimum sound pressure rating of 85 dB A at 10 feet and is either hard-wired or of the plug-in type. The exit alarm shall produce a continuous audible warning when the door and its screen are opened. The alarm shall sound immediately after the door is opened and be capable of being heard throughout the house during normal household activities. The alarm shall be equipped with a manual means to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such deactivation shall last no more than 15 seconds. The deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches above the threshold of the door.

**Exceptions:**

- a. Screened or protected windows having a bottom sill height of 48 inches or more measured from the interior finished floor at the pool access level.
- b. Windows facing the pool on floor above the first story.
- c. Screened or protected pass-through kitchen windows 42 inches or higher with a counter beneath.

2. All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device with positive mechanical latching/locking installed a minimum of 54 inches above the threshold, which is approved by the authority having jurisdiction.