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# **POOL FENCE ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

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## **Swimming Pool Permits**

If you are wishing to install a privately-owned swimming pool on your property a proper fence must be install that meets the requirements of the City of Woodstock's fence by-law.

You must obtain a swimming pool enclosure permit from The City of Woodstock to ensure that your fence meets the requirements set out in the Fence By-law.

## **Temporary Fencing**

Temporary fencing, such as snow fencing or an approved alternative, is allowed to be used when construction equipment is required to enter the enclosure space, or when a fence is being installed or replaced. Temporary fencing is only allowed for a maximum period of 14 days.

## **Fence Requirements**

The fence cannot facilitate climbing, crawling or any other way that would allow access to your privately owned swimming pool

### **Chain Link**

- If links do not exceed 38mm (1-1/2") it can be used when a fence extends from the ground to a minimum height of 1.5m (5'-0")
- If links do not exceed 50mm (2") it can be used when a fence extends from the ground to a minimum height of 1.8m (6'-0")

## **Height Requirements**

- Pool fence enclosures shall have a minimum height of 5'-0" (1.5m) measured from grade on the outside of the enclosure.
- If the pool fence enclosure is less than 1.8m (6'-0") it shall not be located closer than 1.2m (4'-0") to a climbable object

## **Pool Fence Enclosure Requirements**

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### **Wall – Forming Part of Enclosure**

A wall included in part of an enclosure must provide protection for the length that is substituted for fencing.

If a door is located on the wall, within the area that is acting as an enclosure, that door must be equipped with locks, self-closing & latching devices.

### **Gate Requirements**

Gates must be equipped with;

- Self closing devices
- Latch & locking mechanisms

#### **Latch & Locking Mechanisms**

- Must independently bring the gate closed to a latched position
- If the latching device is located not less than 1.2m (4'-0") above grade, it can be placed on the outside of the gate.
- The owner & every adult person in care and control of the swimming pool must ensure the gate is kept locked at all times, unless they are present & supervising the swimming pool.

### **Hydro- Massage Pools**

Hydro massage pools can be exempt from the requirements of a fence enclosure provide the massage pool has a rigid cover equipped with a locking device.



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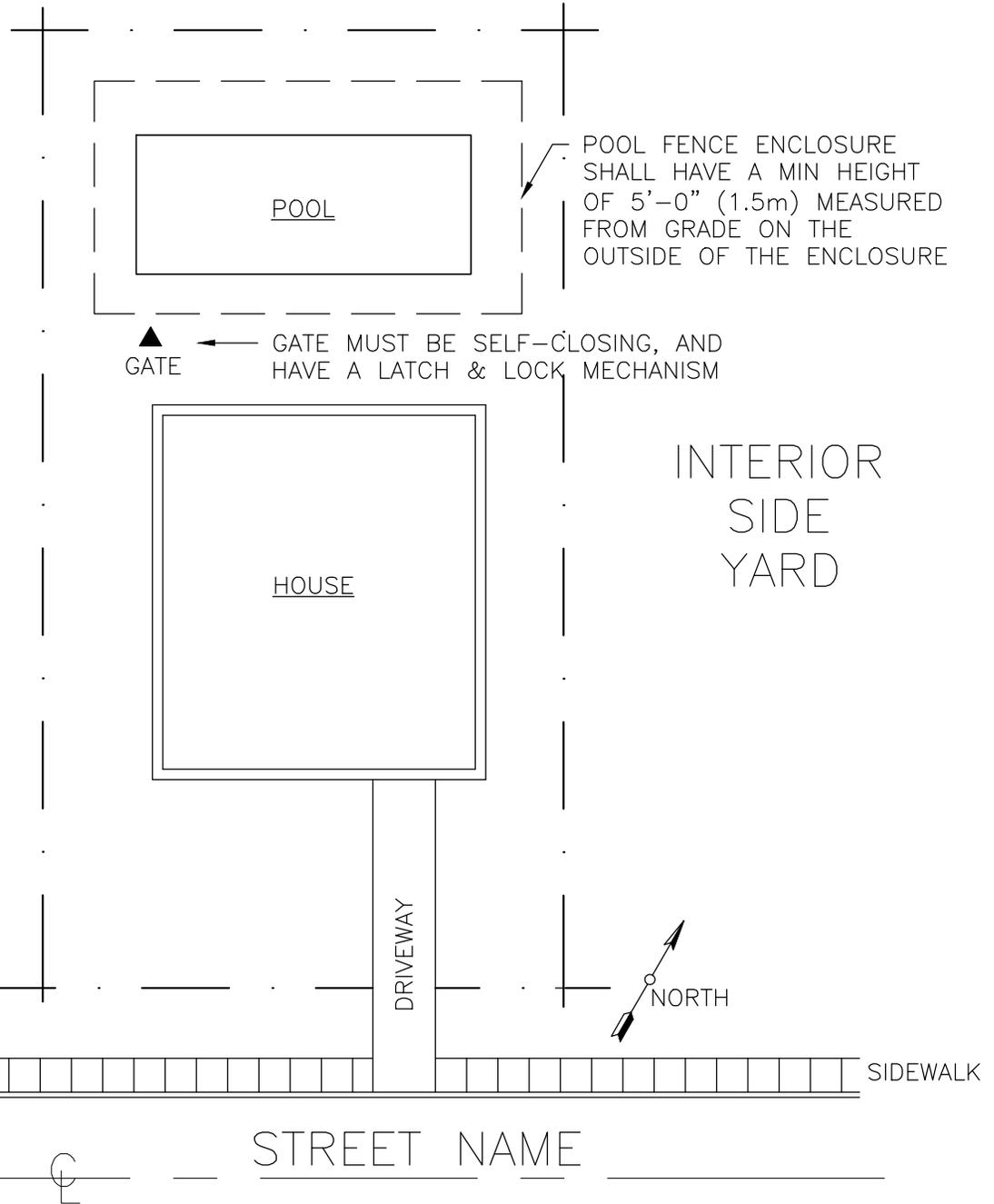
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### NOTE:

- IF THE POOL FENCE ENCLOSURE IS LESS THAN 6'-0" (1.8m) IT SHALL NOT BE LOCATED CLOSER THAN 4'-0" (1.2m) TO A CLIMBABLE OBJECT
- SEE DETAIL SHEET FOR CHAIN LINK FENCING REQUIREMENTS

### LEGEND:

- — — — — FENCE
- — — — — PROPERTY LINE



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### NOTE:

– IF THE FENCE IS CONSTRUCTED TO A HEIGHT LESS THAN 6'-0" (1.8m) IT CANNOT BE LOCATED CLOSER THAN 4'-0" (1.2m) TO A CLIMBABLE OBJECT

– THE LATCH AND LOCK MECHANISM AT THE TOP AND ON THE INSIDE OF THE GATE MUST INDEPENDENTLY BRING THE GATE TO A CLOSED LATCHED POSITION.

– CHAIN LINK FENCING CAN BE USED BUT MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- FOR CHAIN LINKS NOT EXCEEDING 1.5" (38mm) SHALL BE USED WHEN THE FENCE IS NOT LESS THAN 5'-0" (1.5m) FROM GRADE
- FOR CHAIN LINKS NOT EXCEEDING 2" (50mm) SHALL BE USED WHEN THE FENCE IS NOT LESS 6'-0" (1.8m)

GATES ARE INCLUDED IN THE 5'-0" (1.5m) MIN HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

IF 4'-0" (1.2m) ABOVE GRADE THE LATCH MECHANISM CAN BE LOCATED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE GATE

GATE MUST BE SELF-CLOSING

LATCH MECHANISM

5'-0" MIN

GRADE

IF A BUILDING WALL FORMS PART OF THE POOL ENCLOSURE IT MUST PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR ITS ENTIRE LENGTH

IF THE DOOR IS LOCATED IN THE WALL ACTING AS PART OF THE ENCLOSURE & IS LOCATED IN A NON-HABITABLE ROOM IT MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH LOCKS, SELF CLOSING DEVICES, AND LATCHING DEVICES

FENCE DOES NOT FACILITATE ACCESS TO BY, CLIMBING OR, CRAWLING ETC.

5'-0" MIN

GRADE

