



Building Services
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SFR-17
Swimming Pool-
Hot Tub-
Spa Fences

SMC 11.19.580

- A. A fence or wall may be required in a limited zone, for a planned development, as a condition of a special permit, as part of a screening requirement, or as specifically provided for various particular uses in this chapter (SMC 11.19.580).
- B. A person maintaining a swimming pool on private property is required to construct and maintain an approved fence by which the pool is enclosed and inaccessible by small children.
 - 1. For the purposes of this section, a "swimming pool" is a swimming pool, wading pool, spa, hot tub, or other impoundment of water 18 inches or more in depth maintained by an individual or family on private property for the personal use of such individual or family and invited guests.
 - 2. The required pool enclosure must be at least 4 feet high and may be a fence, wall, building, or other structure approved by the Building Services Department.
 - 3. If the enclosure be a woven wire fence, the pattern and type must discourage climbing.
 - 4. If the enclosure is a wooden fence, it must be built with vertical members so as to discourage climbing.
 - 5. No opening, except a door or gate, may exceed 4 inches in any dimension.
 - 6. Any door or gate in the pool enclosure, except when part of the occupied dwelling building, must have self-closing and self-locking equipment by which the door or gate is kept secure when not in use. A latch or lock release on the outside of the door or gate must be at least 40 inches above the ground.