



BY-LAW TO ENACT SWIMMING POOLS REGULATIONS

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WHEREAS Council deems it advisable to enact a new by law, number 06-2023 concerning swimming pools in the Municipality of Thorne

WHEREAS A notice of motion was given by Councilors R. Wills and M. Bean during the Council meeting held on February 7th 2023 to adopt By-law number 06-2023 to enact the swimming pool by-law.

A by-law of the Municipality of Thorne respecting privately owned indoor or outdoor swimming pools.

The Council of the municipality of Thorne enacts as follows:

- 1) No privately owned outdoor swimming pool shall be constructed or maintained without having installed a proper fence around the pool. The bottom edge of the fence, which is the part that blocks passage, (i.e. pickets), shall be no more than (3") three inches above grade. No accumulation of materials shall be permitted on the outside of pool enclosure that could aid children in scaling the enclosure to gain access to the pool.
- 2) No person shall construct or place a swimming pool on his property in the municipality without first obtaining a swimming pool enclosure permit.
- 3) To obtain a permit the owner shall file an application in writing by completing a prescribed form at the office of the municipality of Thorne.
- 4) Every application for a permit shall:
 - a. Identify and describe in detail the work to be covered by the permit for which the application is made;
 - b. Describe the land on which the pool is to be located by a description that will readily identify and locate the building lot;
 - c. Be accompanied by two (2) complete sets of plans showing details of the enclosure as well as its margins to lot lines, buildings and fences;
 - d. State the name, address and telephone numbers of the owner and of the contractor performing the work.
- 5) The permit will include the fence enclosure as well
- 6) No barbed wire nor electric fence shall form part of a fence, gate or barrier preventing access to a pool area.
- 7) All openings to indoor swimming pools shall be provided with doors or either approved closures having self-closing and latching devices and locks located at least four and one half (4 ½ feet above the bottom of the closure.
- 8) There shall be a minimum distance of four (4) feet between the enclosure and any part of a below-grade swimming pool.
- 9) No part of the swimming pool tank shall be less than six feet six inches (6'6") from adjoining lot line except for the back line of four (4) or more sided lot where it may be no less than four feet six inches (4'6").
- 10) The method and degree of treatment of water for all private swimming pools shall be to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health having jurisdiction or the Building Inspector.

11) A private indoor or outdoor swimming pool shall be so constructed that:

- a) The side and end walls of the pool are vertical for three (3) feet below the water level.
- b) The point of depth of the pool shall be clearly (marked at the deepest point, the four feet six inches (4'6") point of depth and the shallowest point.
- c) The bottom slopes uniformly and not exceeding a slope of four feet six inches (4'6") on fifteen (15) feet horizontal.
- d) The pool is bordered on at least two sides by a hard-surfaced and impervious deck, which is provided with adequate drainage.
- e) It is provided with at least one lifesaver with a rope the length of which shall not be less than the greatest dimension of the pool.
- f) It is provided with at least one exit ladder from the deep part of the pool, where the pool area does not exceed six hundred (600) square feet with an additional exit ladder to be provided from the shallow part of the pool, where the pool does exceeds six hundred (600) square feet.
- g) Water depths in feet, for the various heights in feet of the springboard or diving platforms above the water surface shall be as follows:

Height of springboard or diving platform in feet	Minimum water depth in feet
3 - 7	9
8 - 11	11
12 - 17	12
18 - 23	14

- 12) Where a private indoor or outdoor swimming pool is used at night, or where it is situated in a place where adequate natural illumination is not available, a lighting system shall be provided making the deck and other appurtenances clearly visible.
- 13) Such illumination shall be directed away from adjacent residential properties.
- 14) No mechanical equipment for the operation of any private swimming pool shall be installed or operated in such a manner as to become obnoxious, offensive or dangerous to neighbours or to the public, because of the presence or emission of odour, noise, gas fumes, and vibrations or refuse matter.

This by-law comes into force in accordance with the law.

Karen Kelly, Mayor

Stacy Lafleur, Director General