



**SWIMMING POOL/SPA PERMIT APPLICATION**

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Work:**       Pool/Spa Combination                       Pool In-ground  
                                  Spa Only     Pool Above-Ground

Value of project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_

Heater: YES / NO              Gas: YES / NO              Septic System on property: YES / NO  
(If YES, site plan must show distance to discharge)

**Contractor**

Pool: \_\_\_\_\_

Electric: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing: \_\_\_\_\_

Fence: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANS FOR FENCE AND GATE(S) MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH POOL PLANS BEFORE A PERMIT IS ISSUED. A FENCE PERMIT IS REQUIRED.**

**(VERIFICATION OF GATES AND MECHANISMS ARE REQUIRED AT POOL SUBMITTAL)**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND EXAMINED THIS APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS AND KNOW THE SAME TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT. ALL PROVISIONS OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES GOVERNING THIS TYPE WORK WILL BE COMPLIED WITH WHEATHER SPECIFIED OR NOT. THE GRANTING OF A PERMIT DOES NOT PRESUME TO GIVE AUTHORITY TO VIOLATE OR CANCEL THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER STATE OR LOCAL LAW REGULATING CONSTRUCTION OR THE PERFORMANCE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**CERTIFICATION OF HOUSE-POOL PROTECTION DEVICE INSTALLATION**

I certify that I the homeowner at: \_\_\_\_\_, and that one of the following swimming pool protection devices have been/will be installed between all doors leading from the house and the garage into the swimming pool area at or before the pool final inspection.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. All doors with direct access to the pool are equipped with an alarm that sounds continuously for at least thirty (30) seconds, after the door is opened. It must be capable of providing audible warning level capable of being heard throughout the house during normal household activities. The alarm shall automatically reset under all conditions and be equipped with a manual means, to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. The deactivation device shall be located at least 54” above the threshold of the door.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. All doors/gates leading to the pool are equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices installed with the release mechanism located a minimum of 54” above the floor (**electrical power gates do not meet the requirements**). These devices shall be subject to approval by the City of DeSoto. These devices will be acceptable so long as the degree of protection afforded is not less than the protection afforded by item 1, above,

Homeowner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name of Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

\_\_\_\_\_ (homeowner’s name) known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and, being by me the first duly sworn, upon oath declared that the statements and capacity acted in are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of 20\_\_\_\_ to certify which witnesses my hand and seal of office.

Notary Seal:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



## SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

### **All pool permit applications must contain the following information:**

1. Provide plans with original/digital stamps by the electrical service provider, including a side elevation drawing reflecting the actual field conditions and actual pool configuration with the following dimensions.
  - A. The horizontal distance from the edge of the foundation to the pool.
  - B. The vertical distance from the top of the foundation to the top of the deck.
  - C. A full-length measurement of the pool.
  - D. Any other measurement deemed necessary by the City of DeSoto or the contractor to ensure the pool is not built encroaching into the 1:1 ratio from the building foundation.
2. Site plan indicating the location of the pool in relation to property lines and distance the pool will be from any structures. **Measurements will be made from pool structure itself not the water's edge.** Location and setback requirements include:
  - A. Rear Yard: The pool must be located at least 3 feet from rear property line.
  - B. Side Yard: The pool must be located at least 3 feet from side property line.
  - C. Buildings: The pool must be located no less than 5' feet from buildings with foundations.
  - D. Easements: pools, pool decks, and pool equipment cannot be located within any easements.
  - E. Pool Equipment: Pool equipment cannot be located within the front yard of a lot and completely enclosed from adjoining lots by protective fence, or screen enclosure of not less than 4 feet and provided such pools setbacks from all lot lines three (3) feet.
  - F. Septic Systems: The setback requirements from the spray area of a surface irrigation system are twenty-five (25) feet. The setback from subsurface disposal and all other types are five (5) feet.
3. An original signed and notarized copy of the pool alarm affidavit must be submitted.
4. A completed permit application, and registration of all sub-contractors.
5. A completed Sub-Contractor Validation Form, filled out by the sub-contractor
6. An approved HOA letter

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**

## INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

When scheduling for an inspection, verify that all dogs are removed from the pool area. At all times during construction of the pool, a temporary fence that is at least 36 inches in height should surround the pool.

**The general contractor shall schedule all inspections. Inspections shall be requested the day before the requested inspection no later than 4:00pm through our online portal, found on City website.**

Re-inspection fee is \$50. 00.. all fees will need to be paid prior to scheduling a re-inspection.

### INSPECTIONS

**Belly steel and plumbing placement:** This inspection is required prior to gunite. Rebar must be a minimum size of three-eighths inch (3/8") and located no more than twelve inches (12") on center each way. All drains and interior plumbing must be installed for this inspection. **The inspection will not be made if the inspector determines that it is too wet. All rained out inspections must be re-scheduled.**

**Electric Underground/Gas underground:** Before the preparation of the concrete deck all underground must be inspected and meet current code adoptions. Test pressure to be used for the gas line shall not be less than 3PSIG (20kPa) gauge in no case less than 15 minutes. Gas lines shall be buried to a depth of no less than 18" below grade with a yellow insulated copper tracer wire not less than 185 AWG, and the tracer wire shall terminate above ground at each end of the non-metallic piping.

**Deck Steel/Electric Bond:** Before any concrete is placed for the pool deck, the placement of the steel and electric bond shall be inspected and approved. The concrete shall be a minimum thickness of three and one-half inches (3 1/2"). Rebar must be a minimum size of three-eighths inch (3/8"). And located no more than eighteen inches (18") on center each way. The bond conductor shall be a minimum size of #8 AWG surrounding the pool. The perimeter surface shall extend 3ft. horizontally beyond the inside walls of the pool and shall include unpaved surfaces and other types of paving, connected at four uniformly points to the reinforcing steel or copper conductor.

**P-Trap/Discharge line:** Pool installations where public sewer is provided must dispose of wastewater by means of a P-Trap and backwash line located at the sanitary sewer clean-out. No portion of the P-Trap and backwash line may be covered until the inspection has been approved. Pool installations where private sewer is provided, must dispose of wastewater in a manner as to not interfere with the function of the private sewer system nor drain on to adjoin properties or Right- of-way.

**Pool Final:** All pool work must be completed. At least one GFCI protected receptacle is required between ten and twenty feet from the edge of pool. All receptacles installed in outdoor locations must be protected from the weather. Fencing and gates shall be completed and must meet barrier requirements. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48" above grade measured on one side of the barrier which faces away from the pool. All gates shall be equipped to accommodate a locking device. Pedestrian access shall open outwards away from pool and shall be self-closing and self-latching (**electric power gates do not meet state requirements under Title 9 Chapter 757**). Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54", the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate at least 3" below the top of the gate and the gate barrier shall have no opening greater than ½" within 18" of the release.

All doors with direct access to the pool shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door is opened. The alarm shall sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds immediately after the door is open and be capable of being heard throughout the house during normal conditions. The deactivation switch shall be located at least 54" above the threshold of the door. Other means of protection, such as self-closing doors with self-latching devices, which are approved by the Building Official shall be accepted so long as the degree of protection afforded is not less than the protection afforded by the previous stated.

**The pool must be approved no later than 180 days after the issuance of the permit. Failure to obtain the pool final inspection is a violation of City ordinance and cause for citation and suspension of the contractors' registration within the City.**