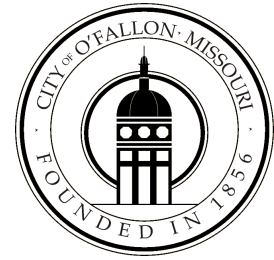


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Fencing for Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs

All swimming pools, hot tubs, spas, and other water features (such as man-made lakes and ponds) shall be fully enclosed by a continuous fence with a minimum height of four (4) feet at its lowest point, when measured from finished grade to the top of the fence. The maximum clearance between the finished grade and the bottom edge of the fence is two (2) inches.

- In lieu of this requirement, a pre-existing 42 inch high chain link fence (pre-existing is defined as any fencing constructed prior to April 5, 1999) may also be used

In order to comply with the City Zoning Code, fencing installed around a water feature must conform to the following standards:

- All fencing used around pools, hot tubs, spas, or water features are required to have gates that open away from the pool structure and are self-closing and self latching.
- For all in ground pools and water features, the fencing that encloses the pool will be separate from the pool itself and must meet the four foot height requirement when measured on the side of the fence that faces away from the pool.
- For all above ground pools and water features that have a wall height of 48 inches or greater, the pool structure will be accepted as the barrier.
- For an above ground pool that has a wall height of less than forty-eight (48) inches, the use of additional constructs (such as fencing, railing, etc) may be used to obtain the required forty-eight (48) inch barrier height.
- If the pool comes equipped with a removable ladder, the ladder alone shall not constitute an acceptable alternative to the fencing requirements. When the pool structure qualifies as the barrier, the ladder access area must be enclosed with a fence at a minimum height of four (4) feet and have a self-closing, self-latching gate.
- In addition to the requirements listed, all fencing used around any pool or water feature must comply with all applicable provisions of the current building codes as adopted in Title V of the Municipal Code.