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Swimming pools and their barriers will be reviewed for compliance with Michigan Residential Code 2015 (MRC 2015) and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) and in the Gaines Charter Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article III. All follow on subsequent pages.

### **Swimming Pool Requirements**

1. Application for Zoning Approval. All swimming pools require review from the Planning and Zoning Department. A fee is not charged for the review, but a Swimming Pool Permit will not be issued without approval from the Planning and Zoning Department.
2. Swimming Pool Permit Application. The permit fee is \$130 and requires a pool deposit of \$500 that is *refundable* after final inspection. Payment should be submitted on two separate checks made payable to Gaines Charter Township. Contractors are required to be licensed by the State of Michigan. Homeowners may apply for the permit if completing the work themselves; complete the enclosed "Homeowner Affidavit".
3. Electrical Permit Application is required if the swimming pool will use pumps, heaters, lights etc. Electrical contractors must be licensed by the State of Michigan. Homeowners may apply for the permit if completing the work themselves; complete the enclosed "Homeowner Affidavit".
4. Mechanical Permit Application may be required if the pool will be heated by any gas driven device. Mechanical contractors must be licensed by the State of Michigan. Homeowners may apply for the permit if completing the work themselves; complete the enclosed "Homeowner Affidavit".

### **Filling the pool**

The Byron Gaines Utility Authority does not allow use of fire hydrants. The Township recommends filling the pool by using a garden hose. The cost can be estimated by the Water & Sewer Department based on the number of gallons specified. Tanker services are also recommended.