



Town of Blades
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL
20 W Fourth Street
Blades, Delaware 19973-4122
(P) 302.629.7366 (F) 302.629.0199

ORDINANCE NO.412

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, USAGE, PERMITS AND FEES WITH REGARD TO
SWIMMING POOLS IN THE TOWN OF BLADES AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES AND FINES FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF**

Article 1.

Section 1-1 Private swimming pool: Permit/Application/Fees

- A. Any person desiring to build or construct a private swimming pool within the jurisdiction of the Town, shall, before beginning such construction, obtain from the Town Administrator a building permit for such construction. This pertains to all in ground pools and all above ground pools with a capacity greater than 5000 gallons.
- B. The application for such permit shall be approved by the Code/Building Enforcement Officer. The Code/Building Enforcement Officer shall not approve the application until the applicant has furnished a complete set of plans showing the proposed location, depth, and size of the pool and the materials to be used within.
- C. The applicant shall obtain all permits and pay any applicable fees prior to beginning any construction.

Section 1-2 Enclosure by Fence: Requirements/Permits/Fees

- A. Any swimming pool constructed or maintained within the Town limits greater than 2 feet in height shall be completely enclosed by an adequate barrier or fence at least 42 inches in height with a space no greater than 6 inches from the bottom of the fence to the ground. Any opening in such barrier shall be supplied with a gate that can be securely closed and locked. Barrier shall be sufficient to protect small children from wandering into the area immediately surrounding the pool. The barrier shall be no closer than 5 feet to said pool.
- B. The gate shall be kept securely locked at all times when there is not the presence of an adult or a person capable of protecting small children.
- C. A permit shall be required and all applicable fees paid prior to construction of said barrier as per fence ordinance.

Section 1-3 Location of Swimming Pools

- A. Any private swimming pool constructed within the Town shall be located so that:
 - 1. No portion of pool is closer than 20 feet to a front property line.
 - 2. If constructed on a corner lot, no portion of pool shall be closer than 20 feet to each Town roadway.



Town of Blades
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL
20 W Fourth Street
Blades, Delaware 19973-4122
(P) 302.629.7366 (F) 302.629.0199

3. No portion of pool shall be closer than 5 feet to any side property line.
4. No portion of pool shall be closer than 5 feet to any back property line.

Section 1-4 Rules and Regulations

- A. Any swimming pool constructed or maintained within the Town of Blades shall comply with any rules and regulations of the State Board of Health or any other State regulatory agency.

Section 1-5 Emptying Pools

- A. Pools may be dumped on private lawns as long as they do not run off the owner's property. If runoff may occur, direct line attachment to the public sewer system would be required.

Section 1-6 Compliance

- A. Failure to comply with any of the above regulations may result in either fine, penalty or assessment as regulated in the Town of Blades Housing Code.
- B. Fines may be assessed for failure to comply with any of the above regulations at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$100.00)** per day per violation. Each day the violation is not brought into compliance is considered to be a separate offense and fined accordingly.
- C. Penalties may include covering the pool or emptying the pool until all violations are satisfied.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on its third and final reading at a public meeting of the Town of Blades Town Council, Sussex County, Delaware, held on the 9th day of September, 2013.



Mayor Michael J Smith



Attest: Vikki Prettyman, Town Administrator

First Reading 7/8/2013
Second Reading 8/12/2013

