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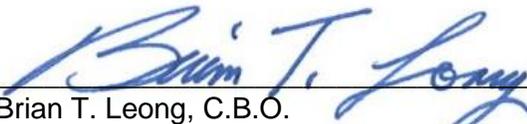
EFFECTIVE DATE: *January 11, 2013*

TO: *ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, GENERAL CONTRACTORS, and ASSOCIATIONS*

SUBJECT: Swimming Pool Abandonment

BULLETIN NUMBER: 13-02

FROM:



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POLICY:

When in-ground swimming pools have been abandoned and are not intended for use in the future, the site at which the swimming pool is located shall be made safe and secure from injury to individuals accessing the site, and for future construction. Required permits and inspections shall be issued to insure proper removal and backfill of in-ground swimming pools and associated equipment.

Permit(s) shall be issued for the removal and backfill of the swimming pool and abandonment of Electrical or Plumbing systems. Grading permits may be obtained by:

- A Specialty Grading Contractor (C-12) or General Engineering Contractor (A)
- A General Building Contractor (B) doing two other trades on the job. (Electrical & Plumbing)
- A home owner may abandon under the provisions of an "owner/builder" for their own residential swimming pool.

All backfill material shall be compacted engineered fill and require 90% minimum compaction as tested by an approved test laboratory. ***Final Compaction Tests shall be provided to the Building and Safety Division for approval as a condition of the final inspection and approval.***

PROCEDURE:

1. Applicants shall contact the counter staff at the Building Permits Counter to file an application request for a Swimming Pool Abandonment Permit. A Plot Plan shall be provided showing the outlines of the property and street, location of all structures on the property, and the location of the swimming pool area to be removed and back filled. Dimension distances from adjacent structure(s) and to the adjacent property lines. The following permit fees shall apply: *(fees below do not include associated administrative fees)*
 - Residential (single family): Building/Grading Permit = \$321.00 (incl. Elect. & Plumb.)

 - Commercial/Multi-family:

Building/Grading Permit	= \$214.00
Electrical Permit	= \$103.19
Plumbing Permit	= <u>\$103.19</u>
Total Commercial Fees	= \$420.38

2. After permits have been issued, work may commence. The entire bottom of the pool is to be broken out. *(The pool walls and rim may remain.)* The concrete may remain in the back fill if the pieces do not exceed 12" square. All fills are to be back filled with engineered fill, free of organics. The fills require 90% minimum compaction as tested by an approved test laboratory. The building inspector will inspect removal of the pool bottom prior to backfill.

Permit(s) shall be finalized when full depth compaction reports are submitted to the building inspector and approved. A final inspection shall be scheduled for the City building inspector to verify the swimming pool has been properly backfilled and minimum site drainage is provided. Compaction Reports shall be made available to the inspector at this time.