

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE

A By-law to regulate the construction of  
Fences surrounding private outdoor  
Swimming Pools

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Prince,  
pursuant to Section 354(1) 24 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1970,  
Chapter 284 and amendments thereto, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Height and Cover Materials

The minimum height of the fence enclosure around a privately owned swimming pool shall extend from within a maximum of 2 inches above grade to a height not less than 4 feet above grade, measured from the highest grade level on the side of the fence facing away from the pool.

If of chain link construction, the cover material shall be:

- (1) a maximum of 1½ inch mesh and
- (2) constructed of 12 gauge galvanized steel wire, or not less than 14 gauge core with 11 gauge vinyl coating, or

An existing fence 5 feet high or more, with a 2 inch mesh and a minimum 11 gauge galvanized steel wire, or a 9 gauge core with a vinyl coating shall be deemed acceptable.

No swimming pool enclosure shall exceed a 6 foot height when constructed on residential property.

2. Distance from Pool and Vertical Objects

The fence shall be located a minimum of 4 feet from the wetted walls of the pool and must be located at least 4 feet from any climbable object on the outside of the fence which would reduce the effective height of the fence.

No horizontal or diagonal braces shall be permitted, and all fittings and attachments shall meet or exceed the safety and security requirements of the fence enclosure.

3. Footings: Line Posts

The fence is to be supported by at least 1½ inch diameter galvanized steel posts set in a minimum 2000 psi concrete. The footing depth shall be at least 30 inches, with 18 inches of the post embedded in the concrete. The minimum diameter of the top of the footing shall be 6 inches. Such posts are to be spaced not more than 10 feet apart.

4. Footings: Terminal Posts

Terminal posts shall be galvanized steel a minimum 1 7/8 inches diameter with .063 nominal wall. The footing depth shall be a minimum of 30 inches, with 18 inches of the post embedded in 2000 psi concrete. The minimum diameter of the top of the footing shall be 6 inches.

5. Horizontal Rails

The horizontal rails shall be minimum 1½ inches diameter with .063 nominal wall galvanized steel, except that an 11 gauge galvanized steel wire may be substituted for the bottom rail.

6. Gate Requirements

Gates forming part of such an enclosure shall:

- (1) swing inward
- (2) be of construction and height equivalent to that required for the fence
- (3) be supported on substantial hinges and be self-closing, self-latching and equipped with a locking device.

7. Wooden Fences

If of wood construction, the fence shall,

- (1) Have top and bottom horizontal rails provided of wood 2 inches by 4 inches minimum nominal dimensions, spaced at least 48 inches apart.
- (2) Have the vertical boarding attached to supporting members. Such vertical boards shall not be less than 1 inch by 4 inch nominal dimensions, spaced not more than 2 inches apart, or, if a double-faced fence, the maximum space may be 4 inches.
- (3) Be supported by a minimum of 4 inch by 4 inch wood posts, spaced not more than 8 feet apart. Such posts are to be embedded to a minimum of 30 inches below grade in 2000 psi concrete. The minimum diameter of the top of the footing shall be 9 inches.
- (4) Top and bottom horizontal rails to be facing inward to ensure children not having a grip or support to enable them to climb fence.

8. Enclosures, Other than Chain Link or Wood

Fences may be of construction other than chain link or wood provided that an equivalent degree of safety and performance is maintained.

9. All fences and gates must be maintained in good and serviceable condition at all times.

10. Persons are prohibited from placing water in privately owned swimming pools or allowing water to remain therein unless the prescribed fences and gates have been erected.

11. Penalty

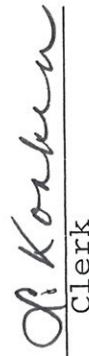
Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-law is liable upon summary conviction therefor to a penalty of not more than One Thousand Dollars exclusive of costs.

12. Effective Date

This by-law takes effect on the date of its final passing.

Passed in open council this 12th day of May, 1981.

  
Reeve

  
Clerk

Certified a true copy.

L. Konkin, Clerk.