



CITY OF ONTARIO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Building Department Staff

FROM: Kevin Shear, Building Official

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SUBJECT: New Requirements for Swimming Pools

The Department policy for plan review, permits and inspections for swimming pools are as follows:

1. All drawings, including the site plan, shall have a “wet” signature by the civil/structural engineer of record.
2. Every pool drawing submitted is required to pay a plan check fee and permit fees based on the job valuation.
3. Site plans shall indicate all property lines, structures, slopes and walls, including all gates and fences and barriers with regard to access to the pool.
4. Special inspections for shotcrete (gunite) is required only when:
 - A. The engineer of record indicates the necessity of such on the plans.
 - B. The pool is designed for a surcharge; for instance, retaining walls, houses, solid covered patios and deck footings. Patios with open lattice and rocks used for architectural design are not to be considered as a surcharge on the pool.
 - C. The pool walls within a horizontal distance of seven (7) feet from the top of a slope shall be capable of supporting the water in the pool without soil support (when the pool wall is designed as a freestanding wall).

Swimming pool site plans and structural drawings will be reviewed by the plan checkers over the counter when the counter technicians have established that the basic information has been provided.

KS/kc