



**SWIMMING POOL  
REQUIREMENTS  
FOR THE  
CITY OF GALT**

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**POOL CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

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**1. PLAN AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS:**

- a. Construction details must be stamped and signed by a licensed engineer.
- b. Plot plan must show all easements, existing structures, retaining wall, electrical panel location and all overhead and underground electrical lines.
- c. Access by excavation equipment.
- d. Dimensions from the pool to all property lines must be indicated on plot plans.
- e. Pool equipment and other structures such as diving boards, ladders, diving rocks, slides and other devices must be shown on the plans.
- f. Indicate all drainage using arrows on the plot plans.
- g. Indicate fence location and design on pool plans.
- h. Indicate location of all doors, windows and existing slabs within 10 ft of water's edge.

**2. DESIGN REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. Minimum setback from a structure and property lines is 4 feet when engineered and surcharged.
- b. Pools are not allowed in any easement.
- c. Venting for gas pool heaters shall terminate not less than 4 feet from any opening or air inlet to the building.
- d. Clearance from combustibles to pool heaters shall be per manufacturer's specifications.
- e. Pools must meet the requirements of the Uniform Swimming Pool Code, the National Electric Code and the Uniform Building Code.
- f. A waterfall exceeding 30" in height requires a building permit and an engineered design and may not exceed three (3) feet in height in a front (20' setback) or street side yard (12 ½' setback) area or eight (8) feet in height, in an interior side yard (5' setback) or rear yard (10' setback) **EXCEPT** in the Northeast Specific Plan Area, where the maximum height is six (6) feet in an interior side yard (5' setback) or rear yard (10' setback).

**3. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. It will be the responsibility of the pool contractor to keep all streets, curbs, gutters and sidewalks clean and free of dirt, concrete and other debris, used in the construction of swimming pools.
- b. Construction materials such as dirt, sand and cement shall not be washed into the gutter or storm drain system.
- c. Any dumping of material on private property is prohibited unless a grading permit is secured by the property owner and all provisions of the grading ordinance are met.
- d. All fences and gates must be in place when work is completed daily so pool is not accessible by anyone other than property owners.
- e. All broken sidewalks must be fully repaired prior to the final inspection.
- f. No pool shall be filled with water before the pre-plaster/final is approved.
- g. The grading must be complete prior to final inspection. This includes 2% drainage away from the house and all drainage sloping to the street. Note: It is the responsibility of the contractor to see that the grading is completed. All homeowners will be referred back to the contractor for clarification.

Pool Company \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pool Company Representative (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pool Company Representative \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN APPLYING FOR POOL PLAN CHECK:**

1. Two plot plans.
2. Two construction details, stamped and signed by a licensed engineer.
3. Dimensions to all property lines.
4. Location of all air conditioning, pool equipment, and other accessory equipment, and shall not be visible from the public right-of-way and shall not be closer than ten feet (10') to a rear or side yard unless a solid six foot high fence separates the equipment from the property line, in which case a minimum setback would be five (5) feet from a rear or side property line.
5. Location of all easements.
6. Indicate type of electric service currently on home (overhead/underground).
7. Location of electric panel and size.
8. Electrical load calculation sheet filled out for all projects.
9. Using arrows, indicate on the plot plans the direction of drainage.
10. Indicate the fence design and location on plot plans.
11. Owner's Acknowledgment Form must be signed and dated by owner.
12. Worker's Compensation Insurance Certificate must be submitted.
13. Indicate access for pool construction equipment.
14. Contractor must provide a copy of contractor's license.
15. Self-closing and self-latching devices must be installed on all pedestrian gates with direct access to the pool area with the release mechanism located a minimum of 54 inches (1372 mm) above the floor finish grade. Gates must swing out, away from pool area.
16. Indicate doors that will have alarms. (Equip door alarms as set forth in the Uniform Building Code Section 406.1.5 Exception 2 which states, "***An alarm installed on all doors with direct access to the pool. The alarm shall sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds immediately after the door and its screen, if present, are opened, and be capable of providing a sound pressure level of not less than 85 dBA when measured indoors at 10 feet (3048 mm). The alarm shall automatically reset under all conditions. The alarm system shall be equipped with a manual means, such as a touchpad or switch, to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such deactivation shall last no longer than 15 seconds. The deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches (1372 mm) above the threshold of the door.***")

## **NOTICE TO POOL CONTRACTORS**

### **THE CITY OF GALT IS NOW ENFORCING THE FOLLOWING FIELD INSPECTIONS ON ALL SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS.**

#### **1. PRE-GUNITE**

- ALL REINFORCEMENT IS IN PLACE
- UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONDUIT IN TRENCH
- POOL GROUNDING GRID ESTABLISHED
- BONDING REINFORCEMENTS INSTALLED TO LIGHT NICHE, ISOLATED METAL PARTS LONGER THAN 4 INCHES, ALL METAL PARTS WITHIN 5 FT. OF POOL, METAL PARTS OF ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH WATER CIRCULATING SYSTEMS, AND POOL COVER EQUIPMENT
- ANY UNDERGROUND GAS PIPING IS IN TRENCH
- GAS LINE PRESSURIZED FOR TEST (IF APPLICABLE)

#### **2. PRE-DECK**

- DECKING IS FORMED SO THAT INSPECTOR CAN OBSERVE HOW GLAZING ADJACENT TO DECK IS IMPACTED
- ALL REQUIRED GROUNDING/BONDING IS INTACT
- DECKING NOT OBSTRUCTING LOT DRAINAGE
- EXPANSION MATERIAL AT COPING IN PLACE
- DECK DRAIN MINIMUM 3 FT. FROM RESIDENCE
- GROUNDING TO WET-NICHE FIXTURES IS SECURED AND SEALED

#### **3. PRE-PLASTER**

- BONDING OF ANY EMBEDDED METAL OBJECTS
- BARRIERS, ALARMS, FENCES, AND GATES ARE IN PLACE

#### **4. FINAL**

- POOL LIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT ARE WORKING
- GFI RECEPTACLES FUNCTIONAL
- VERIFY WINDOWS ADJACENT TO DECK HAVE SAFETY GLASS
- ANY REQUIRED COVERS PROVIDED
- FINISH GRADING COMPLETED
- PERMANENT BARRIERS, ALARMS, FENCES, AND GATES ARE IN PLACE

**YOUR COOPERATION IN ENSURING THAT EVERYTHING IS "INSPECTION READY" BEFORE AN INSPECTION REQUEST IS MADE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

# PROPERTY OWNER ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

**HOMEOWNER MUST READ AND SIGN. THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED UPON REQUEST FOR PLAN CHECK**

**ADDRESS: (PLEASE PRINT)** \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF POOL CONTRACTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

As the owner of record for the above referenced address, The City of Galt Building Division wants you to be aware of the following regulations:

The City of Galt enforces the requirements of the Uniform Building Code, National Electric Code, Uniform Swimming Pool Code and Title 24 of the State of California.

**ALL WINDOWS WITHIN 5' ARC OF A SWIMMING POOL OR SPA WATER'S EDGE MUST BE TEMPERED.**

Because of the increased electrical load that is caused by pool equipment, the pool contractor is required to calculate the total electrical load that will apply once the pool/spa is installed. It is required that your pool contractor completes a **Load Calculation Sheet** and submits it along with your pool plans for plan check.

Lot must be re-graded to drain to the street, including drains in planter areas prior to final inspection.

Normal plan check takes approximately 2 weeks. Excavation shall not start until plans are approved and your permit is issued.

**Your pool company will request the following inspections as needed:**

## **PRE-GUNITE - PRE-DECK - PRE-PLASTER/FINAL INSPECTION**

The pool company needs to inform you prior to the inspection date in the event you cannot be home the day of the inspection.

**ALL FENCING** must be replaced when the pool contractor is not working on site. If fencing is left down, an inspection will not be given. Also, please refer to your pool contractor should you have any questions on your lot grading.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND MY RESPONSIBILITY AS THE HOMEOWNER.**

**OWNERS SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_