



## Building and Safety Division

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### RESIDENTIAL POOL DEMOLITION

Prior to the commencement of any work or demolition on the subject property, contact the Building and Safety Division for all necessary and relevant information regarding the demolition of swimming pools. A plot plan is required per City Standards that delineates the location, setbacks, and dimensions of the pool/spa and any related equipment to be removed from the property including plumbing, gas and electrical utilities. The plot plan must be approved by both the City Planning and Building and Safety Divisions prior to permit issuance. Additional information may be necessary on a case by case basis.

The demolition of swimming pools shall consist of the following procedures:

- a. The concrete deck **associated with the swimming pool** shall be removed. (May vary)
- b. The top 18 inches of the vertical portion of the pool walls shall be broken and completely removed. If the walls are less than 18 inches tall, the entire pool shall be removed
- c. All pool pumps, heating equipment, and related piping must be removed. Gas piping going to the heater, must also be removed at the source in an approved manner
- d. All electrical wiring for pool equipment, must be removed at the source in an approved manner
- e. The bottom of the pool needs to have a minimum range of 15 to 20 holes made in it, 4 inches in diameter. This is to allow water to drain out of the pool and percolate into the soil. It also prevents the pool from “floating” to the surface in the event that water should build up under the pool. **At this point, an initial City Building Inspection is required.**
- f. **After the holes are made and inspected,** the pool is to be filled with 6 inches of gravel or sand base, and then filled to adjacent grade with approved compactable material. Broken concrete, or other construction debris is not acceptable fill material for this purpose
- g. A certified compaction report by an approved agency may be required by the building official prior to final inspection that shows a minimum of 90% compaction of the approved fill materials. The report will be placed in the property permit file to assure the protection of any future development and construction on the subject property.
- h. **A final inspection is to be performed** by a City Building Inspector to verify compliance with all the policies and procedures as specified herein.