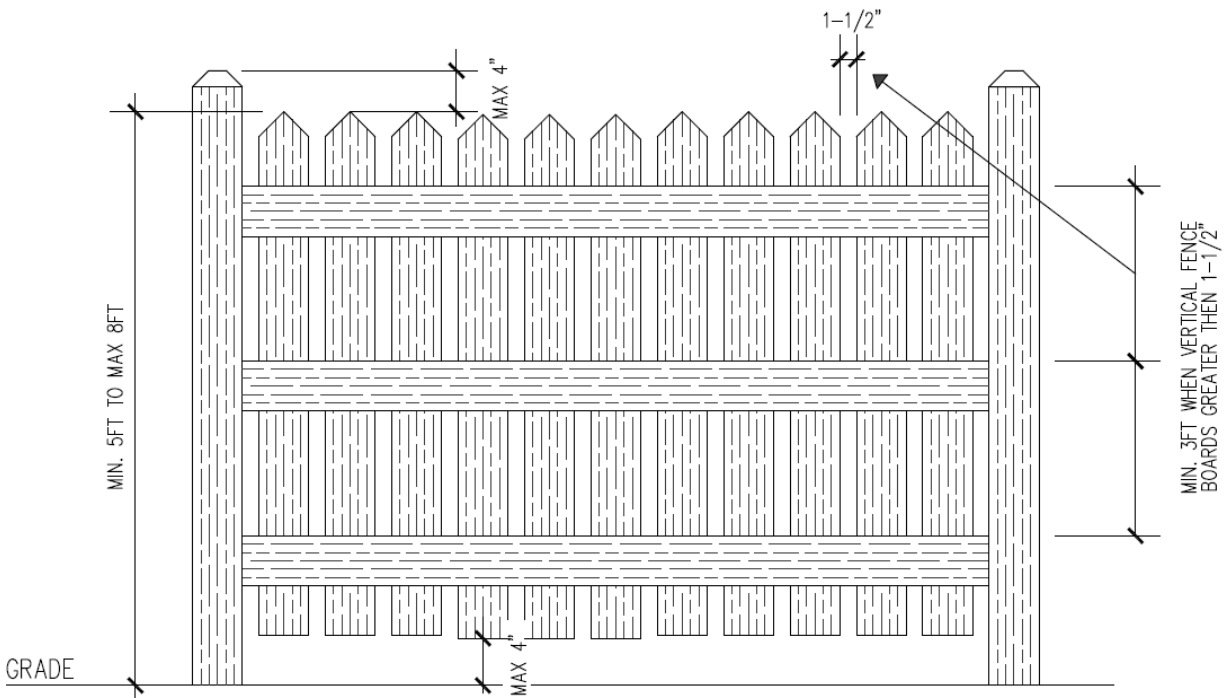


# Pool Enclosure Requirements

- No property owner shall place water or allow water to be placed or to accumulate in a swimming pool on their property unless:
  - a) They have applied for and obtained a pool enclosure permit; and
  - b) The pool is enclosed as required herein
- The minimum height of the pool enclosure is 5 feet (1.52 m). Minimum height of gates and doors are also required to be 5 feet and shall be equipped with a locking device
- Chain link fencing may be used provided the maximum size of the openings is 1.5 inches (38mm)
- Every fence enclosing a swimming pool shall not allow easy access into the enclosed area from any pre-existing structure or fixture on neighbouring properties
- No person shall place or lean any moveable object against or near the exterior of a fence enclosing a swimming pool that facilitates the climbing of the fence
- Any access ladders or stairs to an above ground pool shall be locked unless a responsible adult is present and supervising the swimming pool
- A fence must meet the following requirements in order to not allow easy access to a swimming pool and render it less climbable:
  - i) The space between the bottom of the fence and grade does not exceed 4 inches (0.10m);
  - ii) Either the vertical distance between any structural components of the fence that run horizontally throughout the fence shall be at least 3 feet (0.91 m) apart or the space between any structural components of the fence that run vertically shall not be more than 1.5 inches (0.04 metres) apart; and
  - iii) The fence is situated at least 1 metre (3.28 feet) away from any fence that does not meet the provisions or, where located within 1 metre (3.28 feet) of a fence that does not meet those provisions, the fence is 8 feet (2.44 m) in height.
- When a pool enclosure permit has been applied for you may fill up to 35 inches (0.89 m) of water in the pool to set the pool liner for a reasonable time until the final inspection has been completed and signed off by the Property Standards Officer
- No person shall fill a swimming pool with water unless and until it has been enclosed in accordance with the provisions



**Grade:**

- In the case of a fence enclosing a pool, "grade" shall mean the finished grade level at the base of the fence measured from outside of the pool enclosure for the purpose of permit issuance; however, once a pool enclosure permit has been obtained, "grade" shall, at the option of the pool owner, mean the finished grade level at the base of the fence measured from the inside of the pool enclosure provided the fence and grade remain substantially the same from the inside of the pool enclosure as shown in the issued pool enclosure permit;