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Swimming Pool Demolition Permits

The following minimum guidelines will apply to all swimming pool demolitions:

I. Full Removal

If a building is planned over or within 5 feet of the pool:

1. Obtain a demolition permit.
2. Remove the entire pool and all utilities.
3. Backfill the cavity under the supervision of a qualified soil engineer, with a minimum compaction of 90% relative density. A compaction report is to be submitted and approved by City prior to final.
4. Any alternative to complete removal must be proposed by the soil engineer, reviewed and approved prior to permit issuance.

II. Abandoned In Place

If no building is expected to ever be built over or within 5 feet of the pool:

1. Obtain a demolition permit (this will require a plot plan showing pool location accurately with dimensions to property lines and buildings).
2. Remove the bond beam, gunite and all improvements to a minimum depth of 18 inches. Remove pool equipment, piping, rubble and debris from the site.
3. Cap all drains.
4. Cut 2 holes in the bottom of the pool, one in the deep end and one in the shallow end. Each hole to be a minimum of 3 feet by 3 feet. Holes are to be inspected prior to filling pool.
5. Fill the pool with sandy soil, compacting in 6 inch layers with proper moisture and compactive effort (no soil engineer required) and inspected by City. The inspector is to be notified of the fill operation.
6. A building restriction will be placed on the property. No construction will be allowed in the pool area or within 5 feet of the pool unless the pool is re-abandoned in accordance with the standard shown above in Part I.

Please also see Public Works Department, located on the 2nd floor, for an Encroachment Permit and submittal requirements. There is a flat fee of \$250. A permit is required for tracking/monitoring of debris with the City's right-of-way under the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). An Encroachment Permit is required to be issued prior to the Building Permit.