

New York State Swimming Pool Interpretation
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The term SWIMMING POOL is defined in RCNYS Appendix G section AG 102 as “any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing capable of containing water over 24 inches (610 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, aboveground and on-ground inflatable swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.” Swimming pools are regulated because of the incidence of drowning of children under age 5 especially when the pool is unattended. The term “capable of containing water over 24 inches deep” means the pool wall is high enough for the pool to be capable of containing water a depth of more than 24 inches when filled. The term does not mean that you can “limit” the water depth to under 24 inches, in a pool which is capable of containing deeper water. There is no provision for a “temporary” swimming pool in the code. The pools which have a wall height of over 24 inches meet the definition of swimming pool. Therefore, all such pools are required to have a swimming pool enclosures in compliance with RCNYS Appendix G section 105, barrier requirements. The Town of Lansing has adopted a Local Law 3 of 2007 that requires all structures that meet the above criteria must obtain a building permit, and meet all the New York State requirements for a “swimming pool” to include alarms, fences and all inspections in order to obtain a Certificate of Compliance.

For further information, please visit
<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/CODE/pools.htm>