

**POND PERMIT APPLICATION
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An application for a pond permit will not be accepted unless the following information is included:

- Site plan drawn to scale, with the scale indicated on the plans, showing the proposed location of the pond and all proposed or existing buildings. The plans should include the setbacks to the property line and the setback (distance) to buildings.
- The plans must include the proposed slope of the pond, the depth, and other conditions that are relevant
- Show the location and type of drainage system to protect adjacent properties from water overflow
- Indicate on the plans the size of the parcel (in acres) and the size of the pond

NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER: _____

PROPERTY ID NUMBER OR ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

NAME OF PERSON DIGGING POND: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

SIZE OF POND: _____ INTENDED USE: _____

PRESENT ZONING OF PROPERTY: _____

The undersigned acknowledges that he (or she) has read and understands Ordinance 1628, attached to this application. The undersigned understands that he is required to comply with the ordinance, and request a final inspection upon completion of the pond construction.

Property Owner or Contractor (Indicate which)

Date of application

Section 1628. Ponds (Zoning Ordinance)

Farm, fish or aesthetic private ponds may be allowed as a permitted use in any zoning district, subject to compliance with the following:

- (a) The applicant shall obtain a permit from the Zoning Administrator, which application for permit shall contain the following:
 1. The name of the owner(s) of the property.
 2. The legal description of the property, along with commonly known address.
 3. A site plan prepared with drafting instruments and drawn to a scale suitable to demonstrate compliance with applicable regulations.

- (b) Requirements:
 1. All ponds shall be located on a contiguous parcel of at least two (2) acres.
 2. Ponds shall be of an excavation type as defined by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) engineering standard and all ponds shall be constructed to the SCS standards. (see circular 378 of the Soil Conservation Service).
 3. No commercial activities including public (paid or unpaid) fishing shall be allowed.
 4. The pond and any incidental structures and uses shall be a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet to the public right-of-way. A minimum 50' setback is required to the property line of abutting lands. If a three (3) high berm is constructed between the pond and the adjoining property line, the setback to the property line of abutting lands may be reduced to twenty (20) feet.
 5. Ponds shall be provided with a drainage system to protect adjacent properties from water overflow.
 6. A pond shall not be greater than twenty-five (25) feet in depth.
 7. A pond may occupy up to a maximum of twenty (20) percent of the lot or property upon which it is placed.
 8. A pond shall be a minimum of fifty (50) feet from any dwelling, septic field or well. This requirement shall take precedence over any setback requirement herein specified.
 9. If the pond is intended for swimming, the swimming area shall be free of all underwater obstacles, such as sudden drop-offs, deep holes, trees, stumps, brush, rubbish, wire, junk machinery, and fences. The swimming area, if any, shall be marked with a float line.
 10. A pond shall be located so as to prevent sewerage or run-off from barnyards from draining into the pond.

- (c) No pond shall be constructed without first obtaining a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) IF such pond would be:
 1. Five (5) acres or greater in area, or
 2. Connected to an existing lake or stream, or
 3. Located within five hundred (500) feet of the ordinary high water of an existing inland lake or stream.

The obtaining of a permit from the MDEQ, however, shall not relieve a person from also complying with the requirements of this Section.

NO SLOPE REQUIREMENTS