



DATE: October 1, 2021
INTERPRETATION NO.: CI2021-0008
TITLE: Mechanical and Pool Equipment in Required Yards
RELATED DEPT. & DIVISION: Development Services Department
TOPIC: Swimming Pools
DECISION MAKER: Beth M. Culver, AIA, CBO, Building Official

SUMMARY: Pool equipment and mechanical equipment may be located in the required yard.

CODE SECTIONS: Land Development Code – Title 25

- [25-2-513](#) Openness of Required Yards

CODE INTERPRETATION:

The City Code requires that a yard must be open unobstructed from finished grade to the sky. Exceptions include windowsills, belt course, cornice, flue, chimney, eave, box window, cantilevered bay window of two feet, steps/porch/stoop, parking landscaping, etc.

In keeping with existing practices, mechanical equipment, condensing units, pool pumps and related equipment, and other similar features will not be viewed as violating the openness of required yards provided the supporting concrete slab or other approved material is not more than 4-inches above the adjoining ground and no enclosure or roof is provided and the equipment maintains the approved clearances. Please note however, that placement of such items should not occur within an easement.

Beth M. Culver, AIA, CBO, Building Official

This interpretation was previously approved as CI2014-0006 by Gregory I. Guernsey, Director of Planning and Development Review Department.