

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP**  
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**POND PERMIT**

**APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION OF POND** \_\_\_\_\_ **Size of Parcel** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARCEL ID NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**SITE PLAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CROSS SECTION OF POND: Include dimensions, square footage, outlet for overflow:**

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Soil erosion permit is required for land use activities which disturb 1 or more acres of land, or if the earth change is within 500 feet of a lake or stream. Contact St. Clair County Road Commission, [REDACTED] at 810-364-5720.

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**APPLICANT MUST CALL FOR FINAL INSPECTION PRIOR TO FILLING POND**

- 7.9.4. **NON RESIDENTIAL USES.** Fences in other than the Residential District shall only be permitted to be located and constructed as approved by the Planning Commission after Site Plan review and approval.

**Section 7.10. Ponds and Retention.**

Ponds or retention areas, created for livestock watering, irrigation, fish or aquatic life, or for recreational or retention purposes, are a permitted use when approved by the Building Inspector subject to the following standards and requirements:

- 7.10.1. **PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.** A Site Plan, including a cross section of the pond, shall be submitted to the Building Inspector for his determination that it meets the requirements and standards of this Section as follows:

- A. The existing drainage patterns shall not be altered so as to result in flooding of any adjacent or surrounding properties nor shall ponds be constructed in such a manner that run off, overflow, spillage, or seepage encroach upon adjacent properties, owned by another person.
- B. Any artesian well or other water overflow from a pond that could affect adjacent property shall be provided with adequate drainage
- C. Ponds shall be of the excavated type, only; as defined by the Soil Conservation Service Engineering Standard; and shall be constructed to the SCS, Standard No. 378, as amended.
- D. No pond shall be constructed without first obtaining a permit from the Department of Natural Resources, 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 inland lake or stream.
- E. The obtaining of the permit from the D.E.Q. shall not relieve a person from also complying with the requirements of this Section.

- 7.10.2. **LOCATION.** All approved ponds shall be located on a contiguous parcel, with a minimum of three (3) acres as follows; except, when used for irrigation and/or livestock watering, when the minimum requirement is forty (40) acres.

- A. The pond shall be a minimum distance of forty (40) feet from any property line.
- B. A front yard pond must be located at least fifty (50) feet from the road right-of-way.
- C. Ponds shall be located a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the septic tank or field; subject to approval of the Health Department.

- 7.10.3. **CONSTRUCTION.** All ponds shall be constructed to the following requirements.

- A. The pond is not to be excavated prior to the commencement of construction of the residence; except that all ponds, used for agricultural purposes, on parcels of forty (40) acres or more are exempt from this requirement.
- B. The submerged side slopes of the pond shall extend no less than three (3) feet into the pond, per every foot of drop (ie. 3:1 slope).
- C. Ponds shall have warning signs and lifesaving equipment, as required by the State of Michigan.
- D. Ponds shall be a minimum of 10 feet deep over 25% of the pond's surface area which may be no less than 8400 sq. ft.

**Section 7.11. Reserved for Future Use**

**Section 7.12. Intersection Visibility.**

- 7.12.1. **SCOPE.** No structure, wall, fence, shrubbery or trees shall be erected, maintained or planted on any lot which will obstruct the view of the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection, excepting that shrubbery and low retaining wall not exceeding two and one-half (2-1/2") feet in height above the curb level will be permitted.