

CITY OF STRUTHERS
Ordinance

NO. 26-048

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING § 1397.18 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS PROHIBITING POOLS IN FRONT YARDS,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Struthers seeks to protect the public health and promote neighborhood beautification; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that swimming pools erected or placed in front yards present a public health concern and debase the appearance of neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, $\frac{3}{4}$'s of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: § 1397.18 of the City's Codified Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

§ 1397.18 POOLS PROHIBITED IN FRONT YARDS

(a) As used in this § 1397.18, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Front Yard" means the area of a lot extending from the curb to the front wall of the principal structure.
- (2) "Outdoor Swimming Pool" means any permanent or temporary water pool located outdoors having a water surface greater than 100 square feet and having a water depth at its deepest point of more than one (1) foot.
- (3) "Owner" means the person or entity that has legal title to, or any kind of ownership interest in, real property within a residential district within the City according to the official records of the Mahoning County Recorder. If more than one person or entity owns the real property, "Owner" refers to each person or entity that has legal title to, or any kind of ownership interest in, the real property according to the official records of the Mahoning County Recorder.

(b) No Outdoor Swimming Pool shall be erected or placed in the Front Yard of real property in a residential district within the City and/or on public property, easements, and/or right-of-ways.

(c) Enforcement.

(1) This section shall be enforced by the City's Code Enforcement Officer or his/her designee.

(2) Whenever the Code Enforcement Director determines that an Outdoor Swimming Pool is being maintained in violation of the provisions of this section, the Owner may be issued an administrative citation pursuant to Chapter 1309. of these Codified Ordinances.

SECTION 2: Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements including § 171.07

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SECTION 3: A delay in the effective date of this Ordinance will result in detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the Struthers community at large. Accordingly, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City and shall therefore be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 24th DAY OF June, 2026.


CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH THE MAYOR THIS 24th DAY OF June, 2026.


CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 24th DAY OF June, 2026.


MAYOR

POSTED ON STRUTHERS CITY WEBSITE & STRUTHERS SOCIAL MEDIA

DATE: June 26, 2026


CLERK OF COUNCIL