



PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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Cumberland County Review Report

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Recommendation: *Approval With Comments*

Name of Amendment:				
Swimming Pool Requirements				
Municipality:	Date Received:	Date Reviewed:	Reviewed By:	Checked By:
Shiremanstown Borough	10/14/2025	10/30/2025	SH, EG	KS
Type of Amendment:				
Zoning Text Amendment				

Explanation of Amendment:

The Borough of Shiremanstown submitted a zoning ordinance text amendment that will regulate private swimming pools in the borough. The proposed language will regulate design, fencing, and maintenance requirements. In addition, there are setback requirements noted in the text.

Consistency:

Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan

The 2024 Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan¹ is organized around the Cumberland Principles. These principles guide effective planning practices which benefit the environment, economic development, and the community. The following table determines consistency between the proposed amendment and the Cumberland Principles.

The Cumberland Principles (Comprehensive plan page number)	Consistency Determination
Plan for People and Places (page 44)	The proposed language will permit private swimming pools in the borough with setbacks from side and rear property lines.
Adapt and Stay Safe (page 64)	The proposed language will regulate fencing, and gate requirements which are designed for pedestrian and child safety.

Shiremanstown Borough Comprehensive Plan

The Shiremanstown Borough Comprehensive Plan was adopted on January 9, 1975. The existing and future land uses and patterns have changed significantly since the adoption of the comprehensive plan. CCPD recommends that the borough consider options to write a new comprehensive plan that addresses the wants and needs of the borough in 2025.

¹ <https://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/4888/Comprehensive-Plan>

Comments and Recommendations:

1. The borough should consider requiring all swimming pools to meet the requirements of the 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) or the latest version thereof.
2. It appears that the requirements for a private swimming pool will be in the property maintenance code and in the zoning ordinance. CCPD recommends placing the private swimming pool design, and fencing requirements in the property maintenance code and establishing the setbacks in the zoning ordinance.
3. Page 2, section 14-7.22.1. This section limits the use of the swimming pool to the occupants of the principal use. The borough should add, "and its guests".

"Section 505 (b) and 609 (g) of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that amendments to municipal ordinances be filed with the county planning agency. If this amendment is approved, please forward a final copy to the county planning office so we may update our records."