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Title 47 - Swimming Pools Inaccessible to Small Children

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ORDINANCE MAKING SWIMMING POOLS INACCESSIBLE TO SMALL CHILDREN

BE IT ORDAINED That:

- a. Any outdoor, in-ground swimming pool capable of holding at least two feet of water in depth at any point shall be completely enclosed by means of a secure fence or wall not less than four feet above the ground at any point. All openings in the fence or wall shall be secured by a gate or door equipped with a self-closing, self-latching mechanism placed at least four feet above the ground, or made inaccessible from the outside to small children except that this requirement shall not apply to any door leading directly from a dwelling to which the fence or wall is attached.
- b. Any outdoor, above-ground swimming pool which is at least two feet in depth and the top of whose outside walls or surrounding deck is less than four feet above the ground at any point shall comply with the requirements of Section a.
- c. Any outdoor, above-ground swimming pool which is at least two feet in depth and the top of whose walls and surrounding deck are four or more feet above the ground at all points shall comply with the requirements of Section a, or in lieu thereof, shall have removable or swing-up ladders or steps at all points of access to the deck or pool. These steps or ladders shall be swung-up or removed whenever the pool is not in use.
- d. The Building Inspector shall be responsible for enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance. Any owner of a swimming pool found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance who, after written warning by certified mail, fails to correct the violation within thirty days, shall be fined fifty dollars for each day thereafter that the violation is allowed to continue. Any person cited hereunder may appeal the enforcement officer's decision to the Board of Selectmen within ten days after receipt of written warning by the Building Inspector.
- e. The requirements and penalties of this ordinance shall be in addition to those contained in the Connecticut State Building Code and shall apply to any pool presently in existence or any future pools built in the Town.
- f. The Board of Selectmen are authorized to enforce the provisions of this section against any non-complying owner of a swimming pool by obtaining a court-ordered injunction. Any expenses or costs incurred in obtaining a judicial order will be assessed against the owner.

This ordinance shall become effective on the 25th day of February A.D. 1987.

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