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REGULATION No. 4 – RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL. Every person who owns a residential swimming pool shall provide and maintain adequate safety devices, the intent of which is to prevent accidental drowning of small children and to secure the safety of all users.

- A. **Definition:** "Swimming Pool." A swimming pool used or intended to be used solely by an owner or tenant thereof and his family, and by friends invited to use it without payment of any fee.
- B. **Enclosure:** Every outdoor residential swimming pool, capable of containing a depth of water exceeding twenty-four inches at one point, shall be completely surrounded by a barrier not less than four feet in height, or by other means of rendering the pool inaccessible. The barrier shall be so located to surround the entire pool, contiguous walks, and any diving structure or platform. A building may be used as part of such enclosure. A fence surrounding the entire property shall meet the intent of this section. Maximum mesh size for chain link fences shall be 1 ¼ inches. Each wall shall be so constructed as not to have openings, holes or gaps larger than four inches in any dimension except for doors and gates and except for pickets shall not exceed four inches. All fences shall be constructed of wood, chain link or other material which meets the intent of this article. Every fence shall be substantially anchored to posts set into the ground. All gates or doors opening through such enclosure shall not be less than the same height as the fence or wall and shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device located not less than 54" above ground for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use. All doors of any dwelling which form a part of the enclosure shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door is opened.

Portable swimming pools incapable of containing a depth of water exceeding twenty-four inches at one point must be protected with a safety cover when unattended.

Addendum to Private Swimming Pool Regulations

The owner of any outdoor special purpose pool (e.g., whirlpool, hot tub, jacuzzi, spa) shall keep such pool covered at all times when it is not being occupied.

The cover shall be made of a hard durable material and fitted with a locking device.