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**Swimming Pool Enclosure**



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C. SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURE

Swimming pools shall be entirely enclosed by a protective fence or solid wall of not less than five (5) feet in height.

1. APPLICABILITY

This Subsection applies to the following:

- a. New swimming pools used in conjunction with a Single Family Dwelling.
- b. New or existing swimming pools used in conjunction with a multiple-family use.
- c. New or existing swimming pools used in conjunction with a commercial or public use.

2. DESIGN

- a. The pool enclosure shall be set a minimum of twenty (20) inches from the edge of the water.
- b. The protective fence or wall shall have no vertical opening larger than four (4) inches. Wrought iron and wood fences shall be constructed with at least fifty-four (54) inches between the horizontal members.
- c. Gates shall be self-closing, self-latching, with latches being a minimum of fifty-four (54) inches above ground level. Gates shall swing out away from pool. Those gates not used for normal access to and from the pool do not need to be self-closing if secured by a padlock or other similar device in lieu of a latch.
- d. The protective fence or wall shall be located a minimum horizontal distance of fifty-four (54) inches from any structure, storage or equipment that could be used to climb the wall or fence from the outside.
- e. The protective fence or wall shall contain no opening, handhold or other means accessible from the exterior side of the enclosure that could be used to climb the wall or fence.



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- f. The protective fence or wall shall be constructed of block, wrought iron, wood, or other similar material approved by the Community Development Director. Chain link material shall not be used in a protective fence.
- g. All ground level doors with direct access to the pool area must be equipped with self-latching devices which shall be located at least fifty-four (54) inches above the floor and must be self-closing and must open in a direction away from the pool area.
- h. All openable dwelling unit or guest room windows on the first floor that have access to the pool must be equipped with: 1) screwed in place wire mesh screens, 2) keyed locks that prevent opening the window more than four (4) inches, or 3) self-closing and self-latching devices located no less than fifty-four (54) inches above floor. This provision shall not apply to emergency escape or rescue windows in sleeping rooms.
- i. Pet doors are not permitted to access pool area.

### 3. OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that any pool enclosure fence and its appurtenances (i.e. gates, latching devices, locks, etc.) are maintained in safe and good working order.

**TABLE 5-F REQUIRED SCREENING FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT (BY USE)**

	Minimum height required for screening	Materials allowed to be used for screening
Commercial buffer	6	1
Refuse container	6	1
Vehicle display	2.5	1,2,3
Parking area	3	1,3
Outdoor storage	6	1,4,5
Mechanical equipment	3.5	1,3,5

\*All measurements are in feet

\*Outdoor storage allowed only in conjunction with an industrial or agricultural use

\*Materials for fence construction shall be limited to the following:

- 1. masonry block
- 2. wrought iron
- 3. landscape screen
- 4. chain-link with slats
- 5. wood

Other materials may be allowed upon the Community Development Director's finding that they are similar to those listed above.