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Notice: Swimming Pool Permit Applicants

Prerequisites for all swimming pool permits

All building permit applications for swimming pools must include detailed information about the required pool barriers and entrapment protection. Applications without sufficient information will be rejected.

Pool Barriers: The building codes contain specific requirements for pool barriers. Plans should indicate the location of fenced or walls, the type of fence and method of construction. Fence height must be shown, as well as the location and size of all gates. Gates must be detailed to show the height above the ground, latch details and location of the latch. Pool barriers that include the walls of dwelling units of buildings that have doors that access the pool area must include details of the required alarm systems or door latches at the heights required by the code.

Above ground pools that have walls that are more than four feet high above the ground do not have to be enclosed in barriers, however, decks and ladders surrounding the pool must comply with the code. Applicants must submit detailed plans showing that ladders will comply with code or be protected within code compliant barriers.

Entrapment protection: Entrapment protection on suction lines is required by code. The application must include the flow rate of suction inlets, and details of anti-entrapment grates protecting inlets. Atmospheric vacuum relief systems are required for all pool suction lines should anti-entrapment grates be damaged or removed.

Again – pool applications that do not include this information will be rejected.