

ORDINANCE NO 2024-01  
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING  
THE INSPECTION CARE AND  
MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC, SEMI-PUBLIC,  
AND SPLASH PARKS



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Huntington County, Indiana, recognize the need for an ordinance regulating the inspection, care, and maintenance of public and semi-public swimming pools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Huntington County, Indiana, as follows:

## 2 PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC POOLS

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### Definitions

The definitions in this rule apply throughout this rule.

- A. Air gap:**
  - a.** means the unobstructed vertical distance through the atmosphere between the water supply inlet and the flood level rim of the receiving unit and
  - b.** is at least two (2) times the diameter of the water supply outlet or pipe or six (6) inches, whichever is the smaller distance.
- B. Bather load**
  - a.** means the total number of bathers within the pool enclosure.
- C. Breakpoint chlorination**
  - a.** means the point in a rising chlorine residual at which the available chlorine concentration becomes great enough to completely oxidize all organic matter and ammonia compounds (combined chlorine) in a pool.
- D. Competition pool**
  - a.** means any pool intended for use for accredited competitive aquatic events. Competition pools may also be used for recreation and instruction.
- E. CT inactivation value**
  - a.** means the concentration (C) of free chlorine in ppm (or mg/L) multiplied by time (T) in minutes at a specific pH and temperature.
- F. Deep areas**
  - a.** means pool areas exceeding five (5) feet in depth.
- G. Department**
  - a.** means the Huntington County Department of Health (HCHD)
- H. Full stomach vomit**
  - a.** For the purpose of this rule, vomiting shall mean emptying all of the stomach's contents as a result of an illness, as opposed to vomiting from swallowing too much water, overexertion, or play.
- I. Maximum bather load**
  - a.** means the maximum usage of the pool calculated based on the following, whichever is applicable:

	Shallow or wading areas (A)	Deep areas, not including diving areas (B)	Diving areas (per board) (C)
If the deck is less than the surface area of the pool	15 sq. ft. of pool surface area per bather	20 sq. ft. of pool surface per bather	300 sq. ft. of pool surface area per bather
If the deck is equal to or larger than the surface area of the pool	12 sq. ft. of pool surface area per bather	15 sq. ft. of pool surface per bather	300 sq. ft. of pool surface per bather
If the deck is twice the surface area of the pool	8 sq. ft. of pool surface per bather	10 sq. ft. of pool surface per bather	300 sq. ft. of pool surface area per bather

$A + B + C =$  Maximum bather load. If the diving board(s) is closed, an additional 10 bathers are permitted.

- J. Person**
  - a.** means any individual, firm, partnership, company, corporation, trustee, association, municipality, county, authority, estate, or public or private entity and its successors, assigns, or agents.
- K. Pool**
  - a.** means a structure, basin, chamber, or tank containing an artificial body of water for swimming, bathing, competition, relaxation, or recreational use.
- L. Pools with wading areas**
  - a.** means any pool with a portion of the shallow end with a maximum depth of twenty-four (24) inches.
- M. Ppm**
  - a.** means parts per million and is equivalent to milligrams per liter when the medium is water.
- N. Public pool**
  - a.** means any pool, other than those defined as semi-public pools, intended for swimming or bathing and operated by a concessionaire, owner, lessee, operator, or licensee, regardless of whether a fee is charged for use. Nothing in this article shall be construed as applying to any pool constructed at a one (1) or two (2) family dwelling and maintained by an individual for the sole use of the household and house guests.
- O. Public sewer**
  - a.** means a sewage disposal facility provided by a utility, municipality, conservancy district, or regional sewer district.
- P. Public water supply**
  - a.** means water supplied by a utility, municipality, conservancy district, regional water district, or water corporation.
- Q. Sanitary facilities**
  - a.** means flush toilets, hand washing lavatories, and showers.
- R. Semi-public pool**
  - a.** means any pool restricted for use by residents, members, or registered guests that is intended for swimming or bathing and operated solely for and in conjunction with hotels, motels, apartments, condominiums, bed and breakfasts, tourist homes, or similar facilities associated with lodgings, camps or mobile home parks, or membership clubs, churches, or associations.
  - b.** Nothing in this article shall be construed as applying to any pool constructed at a one (1) or two (2) family dwelling and maintained by an individual for the sole use of the household and house guests.
- S. Shallow areas**
  - a.** means those portions of a pool with water depths between two (2) and five (5) feet.
- T. Spa**
  - a.** means a pool designed for recreational or therapeutic, or both, use, commonly known as a hot tub or therapy pool, that is not drained, cleaned, and refilled after each use. The term may include, but is not
    - i.** limited to;
    - ii.** hydro jet circulation;
    - iii.** hot water;
    - iv.** cold water;
    - v.** mineral baths;
    - vi.** air induction systems; or
    - vii.** any combination thereof.
- U. Standard Methods**

- a. means Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, twenty-first edition, published by the American Public Health Association, Inc., 2005, specifically Part 9000, Microbiological Examination of Water.
  - V. Tourist
    - a. means a person with a home address somewhere other than where he/she is spending the night.
  - W. Tourist home
    - a. means a structure constructed as a single-family dwelling rented or otherwise contracted for overnight lodging to a tourist for more than three (3) times per year or more than ten (10) days per year.
  - X. Turnover rate
    - a. means the time, expressed in hours, required to circulate a volume of water equal to the maximum pool-water capacity through the pool-water treatment system.
  - Y. Wading area
    - a. means those portions of the pool with water depth ranging from zero (0) to two (2) feet.
  - Z. Wading pool
    - a. means a pool used for bathing with a maximum depth of two (2) feet.
- Zero depth pool
- a. means any pool with a bottom sloped upward from the deep end to the surface level at the shallow end.

**FEES** shall be designated in the amount of \$50 (Fifty) dollars per calendar year to permit the use of a swimming pool and/or spa. The calendar year will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> and end on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year. The permit shall be kept in a conspicuous area where it can be inspected or easily seen. The permit will cover the issuance of the permit and random or unannounced inspections and testing. The fee shall be paid and submitted to the health department with an application before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the new calendar year.

**A late fee of twice the permit fee (\$100 total) will apply for applications received after January 15<sup>th</sup> of the new year.**

### **3 ADMINISTRATION OF RULE**

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- A. This rule may be administered by the department or the local health officer through their authorized agent.
- B. Semi-public pools on the premises of a tourist home shall be operated and maintained in accordance with sections 26(b), 28(b), 42.1, and 44 of these rules.
- C. Semi-public spas on the premises of a tourist home shall be operated and maintained in accordance with sections 26(b), 28(b), 42.1, and 44 of these rules.

A copy of this rule shall be kept on-site at the facility.

## 4 NEW CONSTRUCTION

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- A. Public and semi-public pools, except those on the premises of a tourist home, shall be designed, constructed, maintained, and modified per 675 IAC 20-2.
- B. Semi-public pools on the premises of a tourist home shall be designated, constructed, maintained, and modified per 675 IAC 20-4, excepting spas, which must be:
- C. commercially manufactured, residential-style spas or constructed per 675 IAC 20-3.

## 5 WATER SUPPLY

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- A. An adequate and convenient supply of potable water that meets the provisions of 327 IAC 8-2 shall be provided at plumbing fixtures used for:
  - a. drinking;
  - b. cooking;
  - c. dishwashing;
  - d. hand washing;
  - e. showering, and
  - f. pool water.
- B. Wells shall be constructed, installed, and located per 327 IAC 8-2 and 312 IAC 13.
- C. A public water supply shall be exclusively used if available within a reasonable distance. A water supply, properly located and constructed, shall be provided if a public water supply is not available.
- D. The construction and location of wells with fewer than fifteen (15) service connections or serving fewer than twenty-five (25) people shall comply with Bulletin S.E. 13. All other wells shall comply with 327 IAC 8-2.
- E. The water supply and distribution system shall have the capacity to deliver a minimum water pressure of twenty (20) pounds per square inch to all water connections during peak water usage periods. The water supply shall have a capacity to meet total water demands. A sufficient useable storage capacity shall be provided if a well or pump cannot meet a peak or daily demand.
- F. The casing pipe of a well shall extend not less than twenty-four (24) inches above floor level, finish grade, or the highest flood level on record.
- G. Water supplies shall have no:
  - a. wellhead;
  - b. well casing;
  - c. pump;
  - d. pumping machinery; exposed pressure tanks; or suction piping; located in any pit, room, or enclosure that does not have free drainage by gravity to the ground surface at all times.
- H. Stop-and-waste valves (including unapproved frost-proof hydrants) or devices that would allow aspiration or backflow of contaminated water into the potable system shall not be used.
- I. All portions of the water distribution system serving pools and auxiliary facilities shall be protected against backflow and back siphonage. Water introduced into the pool, either directly or through the recirculation system, shall be supplied through an air gap or in accordance with 675 IAC 16.

## 6 SEWAGE DISPOSAL

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- A. The sewage disposal system shall be adequate to serve the facility, including the bathhouse, locker room, pool water treatment equipment, deck drains, and related accommodations.

- B. Pool water and filter backwash water may not discharge to a ditch, stream, or lake except in accordance with 327 IAC 2-1.
- C. All pool gutters, recirculation systems, and overflows shall discharge through an air gap to preclude the possibility of a backup of sewage or waste into the pool or pool piping system.
- D. All pool sumps, deck drainage systems, and other drainage fixtures that discharge to a sewer or storm drain shall be properly trapped and vented to prevent sewer gases and odors from reaching the pool area.
- E. All sewage, including gray water, shall be disposed of via a connection to a public sewer, if available within a reasonable distance. If a public sewer is unavailable within a reasonable distance from the pool, sewage disposal must comply with 410 IAC 6-10, Bulletin S.E. 11, Bulletin S.E. 13, or applicable rules of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

## 7 SANITARY FACILITIES

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- A. The ratio and location of sanitary facilities for public and semi-public pools shall be per 675 IAC 20-2-27.
- B. Sanitary facilities are not required at the poolside at semi-public pools if sanitary facilities are available to pool patrons within three hundred (300) feet of the pool enclosure.
- C. Toilet paper and covered waste receptacles shall be provided for toilet facilities.
- D. The lavatories shall provide soap, covered waste receptacles, paper towels, or electrical hand-drying units.
- E. Hot and cold water shall be provided through a mixing faucet. Hot water temperature shall:
  - a. be at least ninety (90) degrees Fahrenheit; and
  - b. not exceed one hundred twenty (120) degrees Fahrenheit.
- F. When showers are provided, the hot water temperature shall:
  - a. be at least ninety (90) degrees Fahrenheit; and
  - b. not exceed one hundred twenty (120) degrees Fahrenheit.
- G. An approved, properly operating hot water control valve shall be installed on the water heater to prevent the hot water temperature from exceeding one hundred twenty (120) degrees Fahrenheit at the point of use.
- H. Soap shall be provided at any shower. Bar soap shall not be permitted.
- I. All sanitary facilities shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition.

## 8 POOL WATER CHEMISTRY

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- A. when open for use, all pools shall be continuously and automatically disinfected with a chemical that imparts an easily measured free residual.
- B. A free residual of the disinfectant chemical shall be maintained throughout the pool at concentrations in accordance with the following:

POOL TYPE	CHLORINE		BROMINE	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Wading pools	3.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	10.0 ppm
Spa pools	2.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	10.0 ppm
All other pools	1.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	2.0 ppm	10.0 ppm

- C. Whenever the residual disinfectant:

- D. falls below the minimum concentration required or exceeds the maximum concentration allowed;
- E. the pool shall be cleared and kept free of bathers until disinfectant residuals are within the acceptable range.
- F. The department may accept other disinfecting materials or methods when the materials or methods have been demonstrated:
  - a. to provide a residual effect equivalent to halogens;
  - b. to be easily measured under conditions of use;
  - c. not to be dangerous to public health;
  - d. not to create objectionable physiological effects or
  - e. not to impart toxic properties to the water.
- G. The pool water shall be superchlorinated to breakpoint or superoxidized with a non-chlorine oxidizer when the pool test kit reveals a combined chlorine (chloramine) concentration of five-tenths (0.5) parts per million (ppm) or greater.
- H. Chlorinated isocyanates or stabilized chlorine shall not be used for breakpoint chlorination.
- I. The pool shall be closed and remain closed during breakpoint chlorination until the chlorine concentration drops to the maximum level referenced in subsection (b).
- J. If a non-chlorine oxidizer is used to superoxidize, the pool shall be closed and shall remain closed according to the specifications on the product label.
- K. A test kit shall be readily available for use by the pool operator, with reagents replaced according to the manufacturer's requirements, and meet the following:
  - a. For pools that use chlorine as a disinfectant, a test kit that covers a minimum range of zero (0.0) ppm to five (5.0) ppm or higher shall be used. The test kit must be:
  - b. in increments of five-tenths (0.5) ppm; and
  - c. capable of measuring total chlorine.
- L. Orthotolidine may not be used as the disinfectant testing reagent.
- M. For pools that use a disinfectant other than chlorine, the test kit shall have a range and accuracy proportionate to the range required for chlorine test kits.
- N. A pH test kit:
  - a. accurate to the nearest two-tenths (0.2) pH unit; and
  - b. covering a minimum range of seven (7.0) to eight (8.0) pH units shall be used.
- O. When a cyanurate is used as a chlorine stabilizer, the test kit shall be capable of measuring cyanuric acid concentrations.
  - a. A test kit capable of measuring total alkalinity shall be used.
- P. If chlorinated isocyanurate or cyanuric acid stabilizers are used in a pool, the concentration shall not exceed sixty (60) ppm. When the maximum allowable cyanuric acid concentration is exceeded, the pool must be closed until appropriate measures are taken to lower the concentrations to the required range.
- Q. Chlorinated isocyanurates and cyanuric acid stabilizers shall not be used in any indoor pool.
- R. Cyanuric acid can be used as a stabilizer only in pools where chlorine is used as the disinfectant.
- S. The water in a pool shall have a pH of not less than seven and two-tenths (7.2) and not more than seven and eight-tenths (7.8).
- T. The alkalinity of the water in pools shall be at least eighty (80) ppm and no more than one hundred twenty
- U. (120) ppm as titrated to the methyl orange endpoint unless it can be shown that another level of total alkalinity produces chemically balanced water based on calculations approved by the department.
- V. Pool water shall be tested for the following:
  - a. pH and disinfectant residuals daily before the pool is open for use and at least one (1) other time during the hours of pool use.
  - b. Combined chlorine at least twice a week when chlorine is used.
  - c. Total alkalinity at least once a week.



- d. Cyanuric acid, when it is used, at least once a week.
- W. Spa water shall be tested for pH and disinfectant residuals daily before the spa is open for use and at least two (2) other times during the hours of spa use for the following:
- X. Combined chlorine concentration, when chlorine is used, at least twice a week and total alkalinity at least once a week.
- Y. All results shall be recorded.
- Z. If electronic monitoring devices are used, their accuracy must be checked as required by the manufacturer or compared for accuracy at least once weekly with a test kit. Oxidation reduction potential (ORP) controllers do not negate the manual daily testing requirement for disinfectant residuals.
  - a. The pool shall be closed for at least one (1) hour following the manual addition of a chemical directly to the pool water.
  - b. Any chemical used to treat the pool water must follow the product label directions.

## 9 WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

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- A. At all times, the water in a pool shall have sufficient clarity so that the main drain or a black disc, six (6) inches in diameter placed at the deepest part of the pool, is readily visible from the deck.
- B. The water temperature in spas may not exceed one hundred four (104) degrees Fahrenheit.
  - a. One (1) water sample must be collected weekly from each pool and submitted for bacteriological examination. Samples may not be collected from any portion of the recirculation system.
  - b. Sampling shall start at least one (1) week before the pool's opening.
  - c. Bacteriological examinations performed on each sample shall include the heterotrophic thirty-five (35) degree Centigrade plate count and a total coliform test using either the:
    - i. multiple tube fermentation test;
    - ii. membrane filter test; or
    - iii. one hundred (100) milliliter presence/absence test.
- C. A state-approved laboratory shall perform tests in accordance with the procedures outlined.

## 10 STANDARD METHODS.

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- A. A copy of each water sample report must be submitted to the local health department by the pool owner or operator within four (4) days of receiving such a report from the laboratory. No two (2) consecutive samples or three (3) samples collected in a six (6) week period shall demonstrate the following:
  - a. Contain more than two hundred (200) bacteria colonies per milliliter as determined by the heterotrophic thirty-five (35) degree Centigrade plate count.
  - b. Test positive (confirmed test) for coliform organisms in any of the five (5) to ten (10) milliliter portions of a sample when the multiple tube fermentation tube test is used.
  - c. Test positive for more than one (1) coliform organism per fifty (50) milliliters when the membrane filter test is used.
  - d. Show the presence of any coliform when the one hundred (100) milliliter presence/absence test is used. Failure to collect and analyze weekly water samples when a pool is open for use is considered an unsatisfactory report for the applicable week.
- B. When the pool must be closed due to an unsatisfactory sample report, an additional water sample must be submitted to an approved laboratory. The pool may be reopened upon receipt of a satisfactory report.

## 11 RECIRCULATION

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- A. The recirculation system shall be maintained by the following:
  - a. The turnover rate for spas shall be once every half hour.
- B. For pools, except spas, built before September 13, 1989, the turnover rate shall be the lesser of the following times:
  - a. Eight (8) hours.
- C. The maximum pool capacity in gallons, divided by the maximum bather load, divided again by one hundred eight (108) gallons per hour per bather.
- D. In all other pools built on or after September 13, 1989, the turnover rate shall be as follows:

POOL TYPE	TURNOVER RATE
Wading pools	1 hour
Wave pools	2 hours
Zero depth pools	2 hours
Pools with wading areas	2 hours
Competition pools	6 hours
Diving pools	12 hours
All other pools	6 hours

- E. Suitable means shall be provided to measure the flow of water through the pool water recirculation system.
- F. Footbaths are prohibited.
- G. All public and semi-public pools and spas must comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 8001-8008.

## 12 GAS CHLORINE AND CHEMICAL STORAGE

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- A. The following shall be provided when chlorine gas is used:
  - a. Chlorine gas equipment shall be operated and maintained in accordance with standards and recommendations of The Chlorine Institute, Inc., Pamphlet 82, (1999). A copy of said standards must be kept on the premises.
  - b. A self-contained positive pressure demand breathing apparatus with an air supply tank designed for use in a chlorine atmosphere.
  - c. The self-contained breathing apparatus shall be kept in a closed cabinet, accessible without a key, and located outside of the room in which the chlorinator or chlorine cylinders are located.
  - d. Pool equipment operating staff shall be trained in using the self-contained breathing apparatus and shall maintain documentation of that training.
  - e. Each pool operator shall have a written emergency plan of action for chlorine gas leaks. The emergency plan shall be communicated to all employees, posted in a conspicuous place, and practiced with annual drills.
- B. All chemicals and items in the chemical storage room shall be stored at least six (6) inches above the floor to allow for flushing the area in the case of a spill.
- C. All chemicals shall be stored per manufacturer recommendations.

## 13 LIFESAVING AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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- A. At least one (1) unit of lifesaving equipment shall be provided at each pool and shall consist of the following:
- a. A life pole, or shepherd's crook type of pole, with blunted ends and a minimum length of twelve (12) feet.
  - b. A United States Coast Guard-approved ring buoy, having a minimum outside diameter of twenty (20) inches, with a one-fourth (1/4) inch diameter rope equal in length to the width of the pool and not to exceed forty-five (45) feet in length. A rescue tube is a permitted alternative to the ring buoy at locations where lifeguards are on duty during operational hours.
  - c. One (1) spine board, with straps and head immobilizer, shall be available for each pool enclosure, except for spas and wading pools.
  - d. For pools with a surface area of two thousand (2,000) square feet or more, a rescue tube or ring buoy shall be provided for each lifeguard on duty.
  - e. A twenty-four (24) unit first aid kit that meets American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard Z308.1-2003 or 2009 and two (2) blankets shall be provided within each pool enclosure. The first aid kit shall be kept filled and ready for use whenever the pool is open for use.
  - f. A telephone shall be located within two hundred (200) feet of the pool enclosure and must be available for emergency use whenever the pool is open for use, with the facility location and the following emergency telephone numbers posted within view:
    - i. 911.
    - ii. Ambulance or rescue unit.
    - iii. Hospital.
    - iv. Police station.
    - v. Fire department.
  - g. Depth markings of pools shall conform to 675 IAC 20-2.
  - h. A removable buoyed transition line, anchored at each end, shall separate the shallow area defined as five (5) feet or less from the deeper pool area, except when the pool is being used for organized activities or during operation as a wave pool.
  - i. One (1) unit of lifesaving equipment:
    - i. in good repair;
    - ii. ready for use; and
    - iii. stored within twenty (20) feet of the pool shall be provided for each two thousand (2,000) square feet of pool water surface, except spas and wading pools.

## 14 LIFEGUARDS

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- A. A qualified lifeguard is required for all public pools. A qualified lifeguard is required for all semi-public pools with a surface area of two thousand (2,000) square feet or more. Lifeguards must be on duty at the poolside at all times when the pools are open for use.
- B. A qualified lifeguard or attendant must be stationed continuously at a waterslide and control its use.
- C. When lifeguards are required, they shall be provided as follows:

BATHER LOAD*	MINIMUM NUMBER OF LIFEGUARDS
0-75	1

76–150	2
151–225	3
226–300	4
301–375	5

\*When the bather load exceeds three hundred seventy-five (375), one (1) lifeguard shall be provided for each additional seventy-five (75) bathers or fraction thereof.

- D. Lifeguards shall possess a current nationally recognized certification in each of the following:
  - a. Lifeguard training.
  - b. Adult/infant/child cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
  - c. First aid.
- E. Copies of these certificates shall be kept on-site and available for inspection.
- F. The operators of all public pools shall provide annual lifeguard orientation and training, including training in bloodborne pathogens. New guards shall also receive training when they are employed.
- G. When on patron surveillance duty, lifeguards shall not perform any other duties, including instruction of a class or coaching, and shall not be in the water except in the line of duty.
- H. Lifeguards on duty shall be identified with distinguishing equipment, apparel, or emblems.
- I. Lifeguard platforms or chairs shall be:
  - a. elevated five (5) to six (6) feet above the deck at pool areas with a depth of five (5) feet or greater;
  - b. placed in locations that minimize glare on the water; and
  - c. in a position that will allow complete visual coverage of the pool and the pool bottom within a field of view not greater than forty-five (45) degrees on either side of a line extending straight out from the chair.

## 15 WARNING SIGNS

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- A. Warning signs shall be provided in legible letters at least four (4) inches high as follows:
  - a. A sign warning **DANGER–HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS** shall be posted on or adjacent to the entrance to the pool chemical feed and chemical storage rooms.
- B. Whenever the pool area is open for use, and no lifeguard service is provided, warning signs shall be placed in plain view at the entrances and inside the pool area that state **Warning–No Lifeguard on Duty**. In addition, the signs shall also state in clearly legible letters at least two (2) inches high, **No Swimming Alone. Children Under 14 Years of Age and Non-swimmers Shall Not Use the Pool Unless Accompanied by a Responsible Adult**.
- C. When the pool is not open for use, a sign shall be posted stating **POOL CLOSED**
- D. A sign stating **No Diving** shall be posted at non-diving areas and at portions of the pool that are five
- E. feet deep or less. "No Diving" signs are not required at spas or wading pools.
- F. The following user sanitation and safety rules shall be posted on signs with letters at least one (1) inch high and within the pool enclosure:
  - a. Anyone who has or has had diarrhea in the past two (2) weeks shall not use the pool.
  - b. Anyone with exposed sub-epidermal tissue, open blisters, cuts, etc., is advised not to use the pool.
- G. All persons shall take a cleansing shower before using the pool. A bather leaving the pool to use the toilet shall take another cleansing shower before returning to the pool enclosure.
- H. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose, and similar behavior in the pool is prohibited.

- I. No running or rough play is permitted in the pool, runways, diving boards, floats, platforms, dressing rooms, or showers.
- J. Street clothes are not allowed in the pool.
- K. All diaper-aged children shall use plastic pants with tight-fitting elastic at the legs and waist or swim diapers. Do not change diapers at the poolside.
- L. In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), spa pools shall have the following posted:
- M. Pregnant women, small children, or persons with heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or low blood pressure should not enter the spa except under the advice of a physician.
- N. Avoid use while under the influence of alcohol, tranquilizers, or other drugs that cause drowsiness or raise or lower blood pressure.
- O. Exposure exceeding fifteen (15) minutes may result in drowsiness, nausea, or fainting.
- P. Follow the instructions of the attendant and/or lifeguard
- Q. Pools shall have a sign with letters at least one (1) inch high stating the maximum bather load posted within the pool enclosure.

## 16 CLEANING

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- A. Visible dirt on the bottom and walls of the pool shall be removed at least every twenty-four (24) hours or more frequently if required.
- B. Scum, oils, or floating matter on the water surface of a pool shall be removed continuously by skimming, flushing, or other effective means when the pool is open for use.

## 17 RECORDS OF OPERATION

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- A. Operating records shall be logged daily, kept for a minimum of one (1) year, and be available upon request by the department.
  - a. The operating records must contain the following:
    - i. Disinfectant residuals and combined chlorine concentrations.
    - ii. pH readings.
    - iii. Volume of fresh water added.
    - iv. Operating periods of pool water recirculation pumps and filters and the corresponding rate of flow meter readings.
    - v. Amounts of chemicals used.
    - vi. Maintenance and malfunctioning of equipment.
    - vii. The date and time of any fecal events occurring in the pool, whether it involved formed stool or diarrhea, and the free chlorine and pH levels at the time of observation of the event.
  - b. Before reopening the pool, the:
    - i. free chlorine and pH levels;
    - ii. procedures followed in response to the fecal accident, including the process used to increase chlorine levels (if necessary); and
    - iii. contact time must be recorded.
  - c. An injury/incident report using a form prescribed by the department shall be made for each occurrence that:
    - i. results in death;
    - ii. requires resuscitation;
    - iii. results in transportation to a hospital or other facility for medical treatment; or
    - iv. results in an illness connected to the water quality at the pool.
  - d. The injury/illness report shall be forwarded to the department within ten (10) days.

## 18 FOOD AREA

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- A. Food may be permitted only in the visitor or spectator area of a public pool or in a similarly separated snack area for bathers.
- B. Only drinks in unbreakable containers shall be permitted on the pool deck. Garbage and refuse disposal
- C. Garbage and refuse shall be collected, stored, and disposed of to keep the pool area clean and litter-free.

### Reasons for closure

- A. A pool shall be closed when any of the following occurs:

Failure to meet:

- i. bacteriological requirements of section 31(f), 42.1(b)(15), or 42.1(b)(16) of this rule;
  - ii. disinfectant concentrations of section 30(b), 42.1(b)(1) of this rule; or
  - iii. the water clarity requirements of section 31(a) or 42.1(b)(13) of this rule.
  - iv. The grate on the main drain is missing or broken or fails to meet the requirements of section 32(e) [of this rule].
  - v. Failure to meet lifeguard requirements of section 35 of this rule, where applicable.
  - vi. A pump, filter, or disinfectant chemical feeder is not operational.
  - vii. A fecal accident.
  - viii. The spa water temperature exceeds one hundred four (104) degrees Fahrenheit.
  - ix. pH values less than 6.8 or equal to or greater than 8.0.
- B. If the department determines a condition, situation, or installation is created, installed, or maintained that may:
    - i. cause or result in a health or safety hazard or
    - ii. cause or transmit disease.

## 19 FECAL ACCIDENTS

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- A. In the event that a solid stool or full stomach vomit is identified in the pool or spa water, the following steps are required:
  - a. The pool shall be cleared of all patrons, and all affected pools or spas operating a common filtration system shall be closed and kept closed during the sanitation procedure.
  - b. The solid fecal material or vomit shall be removed using a net or scoop. The pool vacuum shall not be used for this purpose. All equipment used to remove the fecal material or vomit shall be sanitized with a fresh solution of twenty (20) parts per million (ppm) chlorine or immersed in the pool during disinfection.
  - c. The free chlorine/bromine level shall be tested.
  - d. pH shall be maintained at 7.5 or less.
  - e. Ensure water temperature of seventy-seven (77) degrees Fahrenheit or higher.
  - f. If chlorine stabilizers are not present in the pool water, the pool shall be closed until a minimum of two (2) ppm of free disinfectant has been present in the pool water for a minimum of twenty-five (25) minutes as measured at poolside or the length of time necessary to attain a CT inactivation value of forty-five (45). When chlorine stabilizers

are present in pool water, the pool shall be closed until four (4) ppm of free disinfectant must be present in the pool water for a minimum of twenty-five (25) minutes as measured at poolside or the length of time necessary to attain a CT inactivation value of one hundred (100).

- g. When the required level of disinfectant concentration is met, the pool may reopen.
- B.** In the event that a nonsolid stool is identified in the pool or spa water, the following steps are required:
- a. Immediately clear the pool of all patrons and close all affected pools or spas operating on a common filtration system and kept closed during the sanitization procedure.
  - b. The fecal matter should be removed as much as possible using a net or scoop. The pool vacuum shall not be used for this purpose. All equipment used to remove the fecal material shall be sanitized with a fresh solution of twenty (20) ppm chlorine or immersed in the pool during disinfection.
  - c. pH shall be maintained at 7.5 or less.
  - d. Ensure the water temperature is seventy-seven (77) degrees Fahrenheit or higher.
  - e. If chlorine stabilizers are not present in the pool water, raise the free chlorine residual in the pool water to twenty (20) ppm, chlorine minimum, and maintain it at that level for a minimum of seven hundred sixty-five (765) minutes (twelve (12) hours and forty-five (45) minutes), or the length of time necessary to attain a CT inactivation value of 15,300 or completely drain the pool to a public sewer. Spas only may be completely drained to an approved sewage disposal system other than a public sewer. Stabilized chlorine cannot be used to raise the free chlorine residual. When chlorine stabilizers are present in the pool water, the pool shall be closed, the pH lowered to 6.5, and forty (40) ppm of free disinfectant must be present in the pool water for a minimum of thirty (30) hours as measured at the poolside.
  - f. When the pool is drained, sanitize all surfaces with a chlorine solution of at least twenty (20) ppm.
  - g. When the pool is disinfected without draining, continuously operate the recirculation/filtration system during the sanitization/contact period.
  - h. Filters shall be backwashed to waste, and filter material will be replenished as necessary.
  - i. When the sanitizing contact period is completed, the pool may be reopened if the:
  - j. excess free chlorine levels are reduced to the maximum allowed in section 30(b) of this rule;
  - k. pH is balanced as needed;
  - l. filter is recharged as needed, and
  - m. the circulation system is operating.

## 20 RIGHT OF ENTRY

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- A.** The department or the local health officer may enter public or private property at reasonable times upon presentation of credentials to do any of the following:
- a. Inspect facilities, equipment, or records.
  - b. Investigate complaints.
  - c. Conduct tests.
  - d. Collect samples to obtain information required under this rule.
  - e. Determine whether any person is subject to, or in violation of, this rule.

## 21 ENFORCEMENT

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- A. The department may commence an action under IC 4-21.5-3-8 against a pool operator who:
  - fails to comply with this rule, or
- B. interferes with or obstructs the department or its designated agent in performing duties pursuant to IC 16-20-1-23.

## 22 EFFECT OF PARTIAL INVALIDITY:

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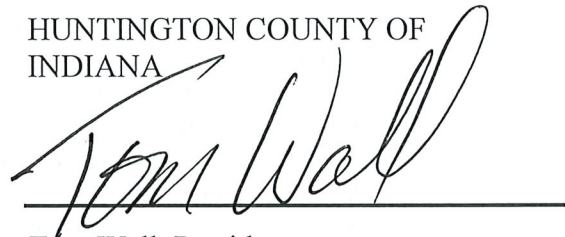
If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the pro-visions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

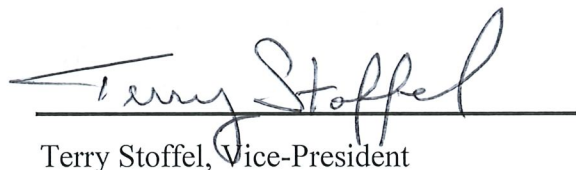
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