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REGULATION #5

GOVERNING RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS

The Board of Health of the Town of Weymouth, Massachusetts, acting under the authority of the General Laws, Chapter III, Section 31, and in accordance therewith and in the interest of and for the preservation of public health, hereby adopts the following Regulation #5, governing residential swimming pools.

1. Definitions:

Residential Pool means a swimming pool established or maintained by an individual for his own or family's use, or for use of personal guests of I his household. It may be located in the ground or above ground.

Swimming Pool means and includes every artificial pool of water having a capacity greater than 2,540 gallons and used for swimming or bathing, located indoors or outdoors, together with the bathhouses, equipment and appurtenances used in connection with the pool.

2. Approval:

No person shall construct or install a residential or remodel or otherwise make any structural or operational change in an existing pool until the Board of Health has approved, in writing, such construction, installation, remodeling or change as not in reasonable likelihood endangering the public health. Adequate plans and specifications for such construction, installation, remodeling or change shall be submitted to the Board of Health at the time of request for its approval thereof. The Board of Health shall be notified of completion of the construction, installation, or remodeling of, or structural or operational change in a residential pool, approved by it under the immediately preceding paragraph, and no use shall be made of such pool until such construction, installation, remodeling or change has been inspected by it and found to have been done in accordance with the proposal therefore approved by it.

3. Filtration Systems:

Shall be equipped with and operated with a system for recirculation and purification of the pool water, approved by the Board of Health as not in reasonable likelihood endangering the public health.

4. Water Source:

Water to be used in any residential pool shall be obtained from a source approved by the Board of Health.

5. Cross Connections:

No piping arrangement shall exist which under any circumstance will permit water from any residential pool or recirculation system to enter any domestic water supply, or will permit sewage, water sater, or any water of unknown or questionable quality to enter the pool or pool piping system.

6. Location:

Every residential pool shall be located at least 20 feet from a cesspool, septic tank, or subsurface leaching field.

7. Waste Water Disposal:

Waste water resulting from the draining and cleaning of a residential pool or back-wash water resulting from the cleaning of the filter apparatus, may be discharged to a stream or a storm drain, under such conditions as may be imposed by the Director of Public Works, Town of Weymouth.

8. Residential pools are subject to applicable local buildings, plumbing and electrical code requirements.

9. So far as the Board of Health may provide, each section of these regulations shall be construed as separate to the end that if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder of these regulations shall continue in full force.

10. Penalty:

Whoever violates any provisions of the foregoing regulations or order made there under, shall be punished by a fine of five (\$5.00) dollars for each day such violation continues.

This regulation was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board of Health at a regular meeting held April 1, 1975, to be effective May 1, 1975.