

Pool Fence Requirements

Item: To require residents with in ground or above ground pool to have a fence around the pool.

Discussion:

1. Virginia Code Section 15.2-921 gives localities the ability to adopt an ordinance to construct, maintain, use, possess or control any pool on any property.
2. For the safety of town residents, pools should be enclosed by a fence.

Recommendation:

1. Town Council approves as a first reading the following ordinances:

Sec 6-3-162

(q) All above ground and in ground pools shall have a 48" fence enclosing the pool. For above ground pools the side of the pool may qualify as the barrier if the pool is 48" tall or the barrier may mount to the top of the pool structure. In each case, the ladder must be removeable when not in use or have a gate.

Sec 6-3-172

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Sec 6-3-182

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