Meeting Date: January 14, 2025	Budgeted Amount: N/A
Department: Building Official	Prepared By: Rick Hanna

Subject

Presentation and discussion regarding enhancing water safety in our community with an emphasis on pool and spa inspections.

Recommendation

At this time, staff does not have a specific recommendation. However, we do suggest initiating a conversation on this topic to explore potential options and gather input from all relevant stakeholders.

Discussion

As we recognize May as National Water Safety Month, it's crucial to address the importance of swimming pool and spa final inspections within our city, particularly focusing on pool barriers as mandated by our adopted codes.

As the Building Official, I'd like to present this matter to emphasize the need for stringent inspections to ensure compliance and enhance safety.

To further this initiative, we propose launching an information campaign aimed at educating property owners about the necessity of adhering to safety regulations. This campaign will include distributing educational materials and organizing community events to raise awareness about water safety.

Additionally, we suggest planning for a proclamation to officially recognize National Water Safety Month in our city. This proclamation can serve as a starting point for our discussions and efforts to promote water safety.

The following informational page shares general drowning statistics, highlighting the urgency of this issue.

We can also provide an example of a proclamation shared by the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) to guide our efforts.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. Together, we can make our community safer for everyone.

Approved By		
Interim City Administrator	Anthony Solomon	Date: January 10, 2025