
SWIMMING POOLS

The City of Groesbeck has adopted the following requirements for swimming pools, spas and hot tubs from the 2018 International Property Management Code and the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (Ordinance 07-O-05).

Permitting: The permit cost is \$30.00 for above ground pools and \$60.00 for below ground pools. A pool must have a fence around it and have an electrical inspection **before use**. Should above ground pool be drained it will require a new permit prior to refill. Permit application is available at 317 W. Navasota, Groesbeck, TX. Return permit application for review to 317 W. Navasota. An inspection of the pool is required before permit approval. After permit is approved, payment will be made at 402 W. Navasota.

Section 303.1 Swimming Pools - Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.

Section 303.2 Enclosures - Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas that have a capacity of holding 24 inches (610mm) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48 inches (1219mm) in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool. Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching. Where the self-latching device is less than 54 inches (1372 mm) above the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate. Self-closing and self-latching gates shall be maintained such that the gate will positively close and latch when released from an open position of 6 inches (152 mm) from the gatepost. No existing pool enclosure shall be removed, replaced or changed in a manner that reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier. The pool's electrical cord must be plugged into an electrical outlet outfitted with a GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter).

Section 305.3.2 Double or multiple gates - Double gates or multiple gates shall have at least one leaf secured in place and the adjacent leaf shall be secured with a self-latching device. The gate and *barrier* shall not have openings larger than ½ inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the latch release mechanism. The self-latching device shall comply with the requirements of Section 305.3.3.

Section 305.3.3 Latches - Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches (1372 mm) from grade, the release mechanism shall be located on the vessel side of the gate at least 3 inches (76 mm) below the top of the gate and the gate and *barrier* shall not have openings greater than ½ inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the release mechanism.

Section 305.4 Structure wall as a barrier - Where a wall of a dwelling or structure serves as part of the *barrier*, doors and operable windows with a sill height of less than 48 inches (1219 mm) that provide direct access to the *aquatic vessel* through the wall, shall be equipped with one or more of the following:

1. An alarm that produces an audible warning when the door or its screen or window, is opened. The alarm shall be *listed and labeled* as a water hazard entrance alarm in accordance with UL 2017. In

dwellings or structures not required to be Accessible units, Type A units or Type B units, the deactivation switch shall be located 54 inches (1372 mm) or more above the threshold of the door.

In dwellings or structures required to be Accessible units, Type A units or Type B units, the deactivation switch shall be located not greater than 54 inches (1372 mm) and not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) above the threshold of the door.

2. A safety cover that is *listed and labeled* in accordance with ASTM F 1346.
3. An *approved* means of protection, such as self-closing doors with self-latching devices, provided that the degree of protection afforded is not less than the protection afforded by Items 1 or 2.

Exception: Spas or hot tubs with a safety cover that complies with ASTM F 1346 shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

Penalty: Any person who violates the above requirements shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction of this shall be fined up to \$500.00.

Special Note: No pool can be placed within 8 feet of a power line. If a ladder is left in pool the measurement must be taken from the side of the ladder nearest the power line.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Paul Fitte, Code Enforcement Officer at (254) 729-3293 ext. 3.