

**FRIDLEY CITY CODE**  
**CHAPTER 115. SWIMMING POOLS**  
(Ref. 610, 631)

**115.01 DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and application of this Chapter and the following words and terms whenever they occur in this Chapter are defined as follows:

1. Health Department, Health Officer or State Board of Health.

The City, when used in this Chapter and in the requirements adopted by reference.

2. Inflatable Swimming Pool Enclosure.

Any temporary structure whose primary means of support is air pressure.

3. Person.

Any individual, natural person, firm, association, organization, partnership, business institution, agency, or any Federal, State or local government agency or instrumentality or other entity recognized by law, as the subject of rights and duties, and shall include, but not be limited to, employees, licensees, tenants, caretakers, lessees, managers and operators of swimming pools.

4. Private Residential Pool.

Any swimming pool located on private property under the control of the homeowner, permanent or portable, the use of which is limited to swimming or bathing by the resident family or their invited guests and having a depth of more than two feet (24 inches) at any point and a surface area exceeding 250 square feet and a volume over 3,250 gallons.

5. Public Swimming Pool.

Any swimming pool, other than a private residential pool, intended to be used collectively by numbers of persons for swimming and bathing and operated by any persons whether they be owner, lessee, operator, licensee, or concessionaire, regardless of whether or not a fee is charged for such use.

6. Special Purpose Pool.

Any swimming pool used as a treatment pool, therapeutic pool, or a special pool for water therapy.

7. Swimming Pool.

Any structure, basin, chamber, or tank containing an artificial body of water for swimming, diving, relaxation or recreational bathing.

8. Wading Pool.

Any swimming pool used or designed to be used exclusively for wading or bathing and having a maximum depth of two feet (24 inches).

### **115.02 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Plan and Building Permits.

No person shall construct, enlarge, repair, move, convert, or alter any swimming pool without first submitting and obtaining approval and appropriate permits from the City. No building permits shall be issued unless prior approval from the City has been granted in writing

2. Plumbing, Electrical, and Mechanical.

All plumbing, electrical and mechanical installations and equipment shall meet the requirements of the Fridley City Code.

3. Special Use Permit Required.

Inflatable swimming pool enclosures shall require a special use permit prior to their installation as outlined in Chapter 205 of the City Code.

4. Location.

All swimming pools must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet horizontal distance from any overhead electrical wires.

5. Fencing.

Fencing, or other effective means including, but not limited to, walls or buildings, acceptable to the City, shall be provided to positively control access to public and private residential swimming pools.

Fencing shall meet the following criteria:

- A. The fencing shall prevent the entrance of children and be without hand or foot holds that would enable a person to climb over it.
- B. The fencing shall be at least six (6) feet high and entrances shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates capable of being locked.
- C. Self-closing or self-latching devices shall be placed at the top of the gate or otherwise inaccessible to small children.
- D. The opening between the bottom of the fence and the ground or other surface shall be not more than four (4) inches.

## 6. Equipment Standards.

All new equipment purchased or installed on any swimming pool shall comply with the following applicable standards of the National Sanitation Foundation:

- A. Standard No. 9 - Diatomite Type Filters for Swimming Pool Equipment, October, 1966.
- B. Standard No. 10 - Sand Type Filters for Swimming Pool Equipment, October, 1966.
- C. Standard No. 11 - Recessed Automatic Surface Skimmers, October, 1965.
- D. Standard No. 17 - Centrifugal Pumps for Swimming Pools, January, 1966.
- E. Standard No. 19 - Adjustable Output Rate Chemical Feeding Equipment for Swimming Pools, October, 1966.
- F. Standard No. 22 - Swimming Pool Water Treatment Chemicals and/or Processes, May, 1968.
- G. Standard No. 27 Multiport Valves for Swimming Pools, May, 1969.
- H. Standard No. 28 Cartridge Type Filters for Swimming Pools, February, 1971.
- I. Standard No. 38 Test Kits for Swimming Pools, November, 1970.

Equipment not covered by the above National Sanitation Foundation Standards shall not be installed or used before it has been approved by the City.

## 7. Inspection.

The City shall be permitted access to all swimming pools for purposes of inspection of the pool and equipment at reasonable times and as often as deemed necessary to ensure compliance with this Chapter. Access to private pools shall be with the homeowner's permission or due process of law.

## 8. Interference.

No person shall interfere with or hinder the City in the performance of its duties under the provisions of this Chapter or the laws of the State of Minnesota.

### **115.03 REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC POOLS**

#### **1. License Required.**

No person shall own, operate, maintain, lease or be responsible for any public swimming pool located within the City unless a license therefore has been obtained from the City pursuant to this Chapter.

#### **2. Application.**

The application for a swimming pool license shall be on forms furnished by the City and shall include such information as the City shall require. Such application for the issuance of such license, maintenance, termination and administration shall be in accordance with and subject to all conditions of this Code relative to general requirements for licensing as well as for the requirements of this Chapter. The City may deny the application for a license which fails to fully comply with these requirements.

#### **3. Fees and Exemptions**

The annual license fee and expiration date shall be provided in Chapter 11 of this Code. Persons owning, operating or maintaining schools, governmental subdivisions, churches, convents, rectories, parsonages or religious community centers shall be required to obtain a license but without payment of a license fee.

#### **4. Revocation.**

The City Council may revoke any license issued pursuant to this Chapter as provided in Chapter 11 of this Code or for any violation of any provision of this Chapter.

#### **5. State Health Department Regulations Adopted.**

Regulations of the Minnesota Health Department (MHD) 115 of the Minnesota State Board of Health, relating to "public swimming pools" including, all subsequent amendments thereto, are hereby adopted by reference and made, a part of the Fridley City Code, subject to the following addition and deletions:

A. MHD 115 (q) shall be amended by the addition of "Section 6, A life line with sufficient floats shall be provided at the break in grade between the shallow and deep portions of the swimming pool".

B. The following portions of the Minnesota Regulations, MHD 115, 1971, relating to public swimming pools are deleted from this Chapter and shall have no effect in the City of Fridley.

- (2) All of Section (d), (3), Page 4.
- (3) All of Section (i), (2), (gg), Page 6.
- (4) All of Section (v), Page 17.

#### **115.04 REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE POOLS**

1. American Public Health Assn. Suggested Regulations Adopted.

The suggested Regulations for the Design and Construction of Private Residential Swimming Pools, 1970, prepared by the American Public Health Association are hereby adopted by reference and shall be in full force and effect in the City of Fridley as if set out here in full, subject to the following deletions:

- A. All of Section 1. 2. 1, Page 6.
- B. All of Section 6.2, Page 9.
- C. All of Section 7.1, Page 9.
- D. All of Section 14.1, Page 18.
- E. All of Section 17.1, Page 19.
- F. All of Section 19.2, Page 20.

2. Decking Requirements.

A deck at least 3 feet wide, measured from the pool water's edge, shall be provided which extends completely around all private residential pools. Above ground private residential pools may be provided with decking of a minimum size of 4 feet by 4 feet at pool entry points and provided that such decking has the approval of the City. The deck shall be sloped away from the pool to drain at a grade of 1/4 to 3/8 inch per lineal foot and shall have a non-slip surface. (Ref. Ord. 631)

### 3. Additional Inlet and Outlet Requirements.

All private residential pools with a depth greater than seven (7) feet at any point shall be provided with an outlet at the deepest point to permit the pool to be completely and easily emptied. Openings shall be covered by a proper grating which is securely fastened and which can not be readily removed by bathers. Outlet openings of the floor of the pool shall be at least four times the area of discharge pipe or shall provide sufficient area so the maximum velocity of the water passing through the grate openings shall not exceed one and one-half feet per second. The maximum width of grate openings shall be one-half inch. An antivortex type of drain may be used in lieu of gratings. Any pool newly constructed after May 1, 1976 which has a depth of less than seven (7) feet and which does not have an outlet to permit the pool to be easily and completely emptied shall be provided with a means of draining the pool such as pumping, drain opening or other means acceptable to the City.

#### **115.05. PENALTIES**

Any violation of this Chapter is a misdemeanor and is subject to all penalties provided for such violations under the provisions of Chapter 901 of this Code.