

Chief's Corner



40-4-10 PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS.

(A) Privately owned artificial basins of water used for swimming or wading (hereinafter "swimming pools") shall be in conformity with the requirements of this Article; provided, however, these requirements shall not be applicable to any such swimming pool less than **twenty-four (24) inches** deep or having a surface area of less than **two hundred fifty (250) square feet**, except when such pools are permanently equipped with a water recirculating system or involve structural materials.

(B) No person shall own, possess, build, construct, install, enlarge or alter a swimming pool as defined in **Section 40-4-10(A)** unless there shall be erected and maintained an adequate enclosure, either surrounding the property upon which the swimming pool is located or the pool area itself, sufficient to make such a body of water inaccessible to small children.

(C) All swimming pools, regardless of whether they are of permanent or temporary construction and regardless of whether they are reconstructed in the ground or above the ground, shall be protected by a fenced enclosure with a height of at least **four (4) feet** above the underlying ground level and shall be equipped with a self-latching gate having a latch at least **four and one-half (4.5) feet** over grade. The gate to the fenced enclosure around each swimming pool shall be located with a lock which can be opened only with a key or combination whenever the swimming pool is not in use or is equipped with and controlled by a self-latching device on the inside of the gate and spring closing hinges.

(D) The provisions of **Section 40-4-10** shall apply to any swimming pool as herein defined, built, constructed, installed, enlarged, or altered after the effective date of this Code. Within **three (3) months** of the effective date of this Code existing swimming pools must meet the standards outlined herein.

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