

Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois

CHAPTER 1474 Swimming Pools

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CROSS REFERENCES

Municipal repair; bonds - see 65 ILCS 5/11-94-8

Swimming pools generally - see 210 ILCS 125/1 et seq.

1474.01 COMPLIANCE REQUIRED; APPLICATION OF CHAPTER.

(a) It shall be unlawful to construct, maintain, install or enlarge any private or public swimming pool in the City except in compliance with all of the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Swimming and bathing pools shall conform to the requirements of this chapter, provided that these regulations shall not be applicable to any such pool less than twenty-four inches (610 millimeters) deep or having a surface area of less than 250 square feet (23.25 meters), except where such pools are permanently equipped with a water recirculating system or involve structural materials. For purposes of this chapter, pools are classified as private swimming pools or public swimming pools. Materials and constructions used in swimming pools shall comply with the applicable requirements of this chapter and these Codified Ordinances.

(Ord. 93-45. Passed 6-7-93.)

1474.02 MATERIALS; NON-SLIP FLOOR FINISH.

Swimming pool walls and floors shall be constructed of any impervious material which will provide a tight tank with white or light colored finish and easily cleaned surfaces. The floor or bottom surface of the pool shall have a non-slip finish as smooth as possible.

(1977 Code § 66-103)

1474.03 STEPS OR LADDERS.

Two or more means of egress in the form of steps or ladders shall be provided for each swimming pool. At least one such means of egress shall be located on a side of the pool at both the deep end and the shallow end of the pool. Treads of steps and ladders shall be constructed of non-slip material and shall be at least three-inches wide for their full length. Steps and ladders shall have a handrail on both sides.

(1977 Code § 66-104)

1474.04 FENCES.

All swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a fence. All fence openings or points of entry into the pool enclosure shall be equipped with gates. All gates shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed at the top of the gate. Fence posts shall be decay or corrosion-resistant and shall be set in concrete. The wall of a dwelling house or accessory building may be used in lieu of a fence to form a part of the enclosure surrounding a swimming pool. The fence shall be not less than four feet nor more than six feet in height and shall have no openings, holes or gaps larger than four-inches wide, except for doors and gates.

(1977 Code § 66-105; Ord. 78-10. Passed 2-20-78.)

1474.05 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

All reasonable precautions shall be taken to protect the users of swimming pools from injury or accident. Safety appliances, such as life buoys, life hooks, bamboo poles or ropes and equipment, including first-aid kits, shall be readily accessible.

(1977 Code § 66-106)

1474.06 USE OF POOLS BY PERSONS WITH COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

No person having any skin eruptions or abrasions, sore or infected eyes, a cold, nasal or ear discharge or any communicable disease shall be permitted to use a swimming pool.

(1977 Code § 66-107)

1474.07 SANITATION OF PREMISES.

The buildings, grounds, dressing rooms and all other pool facilities shall be kept clean and in a sanitary condition and maintained free from garbage, trash and other refuse.

(1977 Code § 66-108)

1474.08 MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING.

Visible dirt on the bottom of swimming pools and visible scum or floating matter on the surface of pools shall, in season, be removed at least once daily with an approved vacuum cleaner or as often as necessary to maintain good sanitary conditions. All swimming pools shall, in season, be thoroughly cleansed at least once each week by the use of disinfecting agents or cleansing materials.

(1977 Code § 66-109)

1474.09 INSPECTIONS BY THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

The Building Commissioner shall have the power to inspect all swimming pools to determine whether the provisions of this chapter relating to health, sanitation and safety are being complied with. In the event that the Building Commissioner determines that there is a failure of compliance, he or she may abate or cause a suspension of the use of such swimming pool until such time as the problem or condition is corrected.

(1977 Code § 66-110)

1474.10 QUALITY OF WATER; FILTRATION PUMPS.

The water in swimming pools shall show reasonable tolerances as between excess acidity and excess alkalinity at all times when the swimming pool is in use. At all times when the pool is in use, the water shall be sufficiently clear to permit the entire bottom of the pool to be clearly visible from the walkways. The recirculation system pump shall have sufficient capacity to discharge the volume of water required for a twelve-hour turnover of the pool.

(1977 Code § 66-111)

1474.11 INTERFERENCE WITH NEIGHBORS.

No swimming pool shall be so located, designed, operated or maintained as to interfere unduly with the enjoyment of the property rights of occupants of property adjoining the swimming pool or located in the neighborhood.

(1977 Code § 66-112)

1474.12 SHIELDING OF LIGHTS.

Lights used to illuminate any swimming pool shall be so arranged and shaded as to reflect light away from adjoining premises.

(1977 Code § 66-113)

1474.13 NOISE.

No person shall make, continue or cause to be made or continued at any swimming pool any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others.

(1977 Code § 66-114)

1474.14 CONSTRUCTION; PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS; PERMITS; FEES.

Any person constructing a swimming pool shall present plans and specifications therefor to the Building Commissioner and shall obtain from him or her a permit for the construction of the swimming pool. The fee for the permit shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

(Ord. 94-81. Passed 9-19-94; Ord. 2013-10. Passed 3-4-13.)

1474.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 202.99 for general Code penalty if no specific penalty is provided.)