

WRENTHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

SWIMMING POOL RULES & REGULATIONS

By virtue of the authority vested in it by Chapter 111, Section 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and every other power it thereto in any way enables, the Board of Health of the Town of Wrentham, Massachusetts hereby makes and promulgates the following regulations required for the public health relative to swimming pools in the Town of Wrentham.

Section I, Par. 1. No public, semi-public or residential swimming pool shall be constructed, installed, or remodeled until a permit has first been obtained from the Board of Health.

Par. 2. A swimming pool being defined as a body of water contained in an artificial or semi-artificial receptacle whether in or above ground, and all appurtenances, equipment, appliances and other facilities for its operation, maintenance or use, used or intended to be used for swimming, wading or recreational bathing, but not including pools incapable of containing a depth of water exceeding twenty-four inches at any point.

Section II, Par. 1. The application for a permit shall be filed in triplicate and shall be on such form and in such detail as the Board of Health shall prescribe. The application shall be accompanied by the application fee and three (3) copies of a plan 8 1/2" x 11" in size, drawn to a suitable scale, showing the layout of the installation and shall include the location of the pool with respect to the lot lines, the house or other buildings, the subsurface sewage disposal system, its expansion area, and any underground pipe lines.

Par. 2. Every application for a permit shall clearly show the means to be provided for draining the swimming pool including overflow gutters. All such information shall be referred by the Building Inspector to the Superintendent of Streets and no permit shall be issued until the Superintendent of Streets shall have given to the Building Inspector his approval and opinion in writing that the proposed drainage will be adequate for the purpose and may be employed without overtaxing any public drainage facilities involved or creating drainage problems at other locations. The Superintendent of Streets approval may be conditioned upon the use of such drainage facilities only within certain hours and in such case any permit issued by the Building Inspector shall be so conditioned.

Section III. No excavated swimming pool shall be located within ten (10) feet of a house foundation, or septic tank, or twenty-five (25) feet from any leaching area or its designated expansion area. No above ground pool shall be located within ten (10) feet of a house foundation, or within five (5) feet from any subsurface sewage disposal system.

Section IV. All public and semi-public swimming and wading pools shall be constructed, installed, remodeled, and operated in compliance with Article VI of the Sanitary Code.

Section V. It is the responsibility of every owner, occupant or agent of premises where any swimming or wading pool of any size exists, to keep such in a sanitary condition by chemical treatment, filtration, or both. In any instance where public health or safety is jeopardized, the Board of Health may cause the pool to be closed or removed, and all expenses incurred thereby shall be paid by the person or persons who caused or permitted the same.

Section VI. *Deleted*

Section VII. No swimming or wading pool shall be emptied into subsurface sewage disposal system unless such has been specifically designed to handle such water.

Section VIII. The application fee shall be as set by the Board of Health from time to time.

Section IX. All Rules and Regulations or any part in conflict with these Rules and Regulations are hereby repealed.

Section X. So far as this Board of Health may provide, each Section of these Rules and Regulations shall be construed as separate to the end that if any section item, sentence, clause or phrase shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Rules and Regulations shall continue in full force and effect.

Section XI. These Rules and Regulations were adopted by vote of the Board of Health, Town of Wrentham, Massachusetts on **April 4, 1980** and are to be in full force and effect upon publication.

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