

June 11, 2014

Mr. Shannon Copas
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Dear Mr. Copas:

You recently requested assistance, on behalf of the Town of Woodbury, for guidance in the regulation of swimming pools.

To that end, the following suggestions are offered as a starting point for your work:

- ❖ The ICC 2012 International Property Maintenance Code addresses swimming pools in Section 303 as follows:

SECTION 303 SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

303.1 Swimming pools.

Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.

303.2 Enclosures.

Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48 inches (1219 mm) 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 a minimum of 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.

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

- ❖ The International Code Council has also promulgated a Swimming Pool and Spa Code. Chapters 7-10 address residential applications. The following link will take you to that code:

<http://publicecodes.cyberregs.com/icod/ispssc/2012/index.htm>

I've attached an example of an ordinance (Brentwood) adopting this code that may be of interest to you.

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- ❖ Article V, Section 16 of the Knoxville zoning ordinance sets forth provisions guiding swimming pools (attached). The following link will take you to that code:

https://library.municode.com/HTML/11098/level2/APXBZORE_ARTVSUREAPSPSEALDI.html#APXBZORE_ARTVSUREAPSPSEALDI_S16SWPOTECO

Hopefully this information will give you a good starting point as you draft new regulations for Woodbury. Please let me know if you require further assistance regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a long horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Jeffrey J. Broughton
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