

## **Chapter 17**

### **SWIMMING POOLS**

#### **Sec. 17-1. Adequate enclosure required.**

Every person owning land on which there is situated a swimming pool shall erect and maintain thereon an adequate enclosure either surrounding the property or pool area sufficient to make such body of water inaccessible to small children. Any swimming pool below natural grade containing eighteen (18) inches or more water in depth at any point shall be located in a yard having an adequate enclosure to make such body of water inaccessible to small children. Such enclosures, including gates therein, must be not less than four (4) feet above the underlying ground; all gates must be self-latching with latches placed four (4) feet above the underlying ground or otherwise made inaccessible from the outside to small children.

#### **Sec. 17-2. Natural barriers.**

A natural barrier, hedge, pool cover or other protective device approved by the inspection department may be used so long as the degree of protection afforded by the substituted devices or structures is not less than the protection afforded by the enclosure, gate or latch described in this chapter. The building official may make minor modifications in the requirements of this chapter for good cause shown in individual cases where the protection required by this chapter is substantially afforded and the other requirements of this chapter are substantially complied with.

#### **Sec. 17-3. Equipment shall be enclosed; drainage.**

Pumps, filters and other mechanical and electrical equipment for public and semipublic swimming pools shall be enclosed in such a manner as to be accessible only to authorized persons and not to bathers. Construction and drainage shall be such as to avoid the entrance and accumulation of water in the vicinity of electrical equipment.

#### **Sec. 17-4. Exemptions to chapter.**

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to lakes, rivers, streams and similar bodies of water, which are publicly-owned over which the state or the city has control and

jurisdiction or to portable pools above grade containing not more than forty-eight (48) inches of water at its deepest point.