



Swimming Pools Bylaw

**BYLAW NO. 29 – 1973
&
BYLAW NO. 23 - 1984**

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Consolidation includes the following Amendments:

Amendments

Date Passed

Bylaw No. 21 – 1999

September 20th, 1999

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A Bylaw to Control and Regulate the use of the City of Swift Current's Swimming Pools as provided in Section 191 (13) of the Urban Municipality Act.

The Council of the City of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. No person shall use, enter into, or swim in the City owned and operated swimming pools located on the hereinafter described property:
 - a) Lots eleven (11) to fourteen (14), both inclusive in Block eighty one (81), in an addition to the City of Swift Current, in the Province of Saskatchewan, in the Dominion of Canada, according to a Plan of Record in the Land Titles Office for the Swift Current Land Registration District as No. K5486 (2nd Avenue NW Pool).
 - b) RI (Public Reserve) in the Province of Saskatchewan, in the Dominion of Canada, as shown on a Plan of Record in the Land Titles Office for the Swift Current Land Registration District as No. 65-SC-01140 (Fairview Pool).
 - c) Parcel L in the Province of Saskatchewan, in the Dominion of Canada, as shown on a Plan of Record in the Land Titles Office for the Swift Current Land Registration District as No. 82SC04773 (Aquatic Centre).

when the said swimming pools are not under the direction or supervision of a lifeguard or other employee of the City of Swift Current responsible for the supervision and operation of the said swimming pools.

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2. Every person who violates the provisions of Section 1, hereof, is guilty of an offence, and, upon summary conviction, is liable to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00.
3. Bylaw No. 14 - 1971 is hereby repealed.
4. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect from and after the date of the final passing thereof.

INTRODUCED AND READ a first time this 7th day of August, A.D. 1984.

READ a second time this 7th day of August, A.D. 1984.

REDA a third time and finally passed upon unanimous consent of Council Members present this 7th day of August, A.D. 1984.

BYLAW NO 29 - 1973

A BYLAW of the City of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, respecting the construction of residential swimming pools and prescribing regulations governing their use.

WHEREAS by subsection 11 of Section 202 of The Urban Municipality Act bylaws may be passed respecting the construction, erection, repair or demolition of private swimming pools within the municipality, and prescribing, regulating and enforcing the use of safety measures in connection with such pools.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWIFT CURRENT, SASKATCHEWAN, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions:

- a) "Residential Swimming Pool" shall mean a swimming pool created by artificial means located on private property, under the control of the occupant of the premises, the use of which is limited to swimming or bathing by members of his family or guests, and which has a depth of eighteen (18) inches or more and/or has a surface area of two hundred (200) square feet or more.
- b) "Enclosure" shall mean a fence, wall or other structure, including doors and gates, surrounding a privately-owned residential swimming pool to restrict access thereto.

2. Permits

- a) No person shall construct or erect a residential swimming pool nor make any structural alterations thereto without a permit having been obtained from the Building Inspector.
- b) All applications for a permit shall be in writing, accompanied by:
 - 1) a site plan drawn to scale, showing proposed location of pool and location of buildings situated on the premises;
 - 2) dimensions of pool;
 - 3) diagram showing cross section of pool and construction details;
 - 4) pining layout;
 - 5) heater and filter location;
 - 6) filter size and capacity;
 - 7) full details of all fencing required to be erected;
 - 8) water treatment details;

- 9) all floodlighting and electrical apparatus proposed to be used in connection with the use or operation of the pool;
- 10) such further information which the Building Inspector may require to enable him to issue the permit;
- 11) permit fees as prescribed in the Building Bylaw.

3. Enclosures

- a) The owner of a privately owned residential swimming pool shall erect and maintain an adequate enclosure surrounding the entire swimming pool area and sufficient to make such body of water not readily accessible to small children.
- b) No person shall fill a residential swimming pool with water or maintain such pool filled with water until an enclosure complying with the requirements of this section has been erected around the swimming pool.
- c) The enclosure, including gates therein, shall extend not more than two (2) inches above the ground to a height of not less than six (6) feet, and shall be measured on the outside of the enclosure.
- d) A wall of a building may be used to form part of the enclosure.
- e) Fences used as part of or the whole of the enclosure shall conform to the following:
 - 1) vertically-boarded wood construction, chain link or other approved type of construction which provides similar degree of safety;
 - 2) opening in vertically-boarded wood construction shall not exceed one and one-half (1 1/2) inches;
 - 3) chain link construction shall not exceed one and one-half (1 1/2) inch diamond mesh;
 - 4) the fence shall be so constructed as to withstand above-normal stresses;
 - 5) supporting structural members, horizontal or diagonal, shall be located on the inside or pool side of the fence so as not to facilitate climbing from the outside;
 - 6) the fence shall not be closer than four (4) feet to the swimming pool, and not closer than four (4) feet to any condition on the exterior side of the fence that would facilitate climbing the swimming pool fence;

- 7) gates shall be supported on substantial hinges and each gate shall be self closing and equipped with a locking device placed at the top and on the inside of the enclosure;
- f) When a building is being used for the enclosure, any doors providing access directly to an enclosed residential swimming pool area, other than doors located in a dwelling unit, shall each be self-closing and equipped with a locking device and with a self-latching device located not less than five (5) feet above the bottom of the door.
- g) The owner of every privately owned residential swimming pool shall ensure that every gate and door which is to be equipped with a locking device shall be kept locked at all times when there is any water in the pool and a responsible person is not present and supervising the pool.

4. Safety

- a) Every residential swimming pool shall be equipped with the following safety devices which shall be readily accessible in the event of an emergency:
 - 1) a reaching pole of sufficient length to reach mid-pool;
 - 2) a first aid kit;
 - 3) buoys and ropes.
- b) The owner of every residential swimming pool shall be in possession of equipment suitable for testing the chlorine content and alkalinity of the water in the pool.
- c)
 - 1) Where diving boards are installed up to one (1) meter above the water, the depth of the pool shall be not less than eight (8) feet within the diving area;
 - 2) Where diving boards are installed over one (1) and up to two (2) meters above the water, the depth of water shall be not less than twelve (12) feet within the diving area.
 - 3) Where diving boards are installed in excess of two (2) meters above the water, the depth of water shall be not less than twelve (12) feet within the diving area.

5. Drainage

- a) Provision shall be made for draining the pool to a sanitary sewer, and the rate of discharge shall not exceed one hundred (100) imperial gallons per minutes. The drainage system shall provide an air break meeting

requirements of the plumbing regulations made pursuant to the Public Health Act.

- b) No owner shall allow water from a residential swimming pool to spill or be drained into a street or lane.

6. Operation

Every owner shall equip the residential swimming pool with provision for water treatment and recirculation equipment adequate to maintain the condition of water and circulation to meet standards as set out in the regulations made pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act.

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7. Penalty

Any person convicted of a breach of any of the provisions of this bylaw shall forfeit and pay at the discretion of the convicting judge, a penalty not less than \$10.00 and not exceeding one hundred (\$100) dollars exclusive of costs.

- 8. THIS BYLAW shall come into force and have effect from and after the date of the final passing thereof.

_____ **MAYOR** _____ **CITY CLERK**

INTRODUCED AND READ a first time this 17th day of December, A.D. 1973.

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