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## City of Dubuque Swimming Pool Regulations

The Building Services Department requires a Permit for all swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas containing water more than 24 inches in depth. The Permit Fee for swimming pools that don't require a structural footing or foundation inspection is \$36.40. For all swimming pools that require City Inspection to inspect footings or foundation walls for structural purposes an additional permit fee will be established based on the value of work for the construction of the footing and foundation wall.

2015 IPCM: 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 not less than 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 less than 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.

Electrical Permits are required if new Electrical is ran to provide power to the pool systems or outlets. Please note that National Electrical Code Section 400.8(1) prohibits the use of extension cords as a replacement for permanent wiring.

**ORDINANCE NO. 43-16**

**AMENDING CITY OF DUBUQUE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 14 BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT, CHAPTER 9 SWIMMING POOLS, SECTIONS 14-9-1 DEFINITION AND 14-9-4 FENCING REQUIREMENTS TO MAKE LANGUAGE CONSISTENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA:**

Section 1. Section 14-9-1 of the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

**14-9-1: DEFINITION:**

As used in this chapter, a "swimming pool" is defined as any constructed or prefabricated swimming pool, hot tub, or spa used for swimming, bathing or wading, containing water over twenty-four inches (24") in depth.

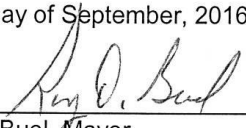
Section 2. Section 14-9-4 of the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

**14-9-4: FENCING REQUIREMENTS:**

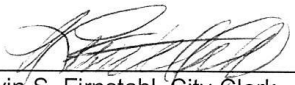
Swimming pool fencing shall be in compliance with Section 303 of the International Property Maintenance Code.

Section 3. This Ordinance takes effect upon publication.

Passed, approved, and adopted the 6th day of September, 2016.

  
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Roy D. Buol, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kevin S. Fimstahl, City Clerk