

Attachment A

Proposal: Change residential pool barrier minimums from the current 60 inch height to 48 inches, to align with the consumer product safety commission and surrounding areas' minimum requirements.

In addition, please consider flexibility or exemptions should be considered, as experts (Per the AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS| Prevention of Drowning POLICY STATEMENT| MAY 01 2019) generally recommend that multiple "layers of protection" be used to prevent drowning because it is unlikely that any single strategy will prevent drowning deaths and injuries. For example, if a yard is enclosed in a fence *and* has a closing safety ladder, this is far more effective than a single 5 foot barrier in preventing young childrens' accessibility during non-swim times.

For reference, the major governing act on pool safety:

Per VIRGINIA GRAEME BAKER POOL AND SPA SAFETY ACT (as amended)

Sec. 1406. Minimum State law requirements. (15 U.S.C. 8005) (a) In general (1) Safety standards A State meets the minimum State law requirements of this section if— (A) the State requires by statute— (i) the enclosure of all outdoor residential pools and spas by barriers to entry that will effectively prevent small children from gaining unsupervised and unfettered access to the pool or spa; (ii) that all pools and spas be equipped with devices and systems designed to prevent entrapment by pool or spa drains; (iii) that pools and spas built more than 1 year after the date of the enactment of such statute have— (I) more than 1 drain; (II) 1 or more unblockable drains; or (III) no main drain; and (B) the State meets such additional State law requirements for pools and spas as the Commission may establish after public notice and a 30-day public comment period.

Arden Hills Safety Fencing Current Code:

All pools shall be provided with safeguards to prevent children from gaining uncontrolled access. This shall be accomplished with fencing of not less than five (5) feet in height.

All fence openings or points of entry into the pool area enclosure shall be equipped with gates. All gates shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed on top of the gate or otherwise inaccessible to small children.

Areas Nearby that require a 48" enclosure (with self-closing gates):

The city of St. Paul, The city of Minneapolis, Shoreview (Code is between 4 and 6 feet), New Brighton, Roseville, Blaine, White Bear Lake, Coon Rapids, Woodbury

Areas Nearby that require a 60" (5 foot) Enclosure (with self-closing gates):

North Oaks