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From: Office of the Building & Zoning Official

To: Citizens of the Town of Edinburgh and Owners of Swimming Pools

As I have surveyed the properties of the town concerning vegetation, abandoned vehicle, and trash ordinance violations I have noticed that some of the residential pools in the community do not have the required safety features required by the Indiana Residential Code. The current version of the Indiana Residential Code was adopted in 2014. These requirements for safety features have been in effect for seven years. Before 2014 the safety features for residential swimming pools were maintained in Indiana Administrative Code 675 IAC 20-5-24.

Prior to the opening of your pool for the 2022 pool season, I would like for each of you to read the provisions of the code pertaining to safety features of swimming pools and make certain that your pool installation complies with these requirements. If you find that your pool is deficient, please make every effort to make your pool safe. It is my intention to visit every pool in the town prior to the beginning of summer next year and ensure that the required safety features are in place. If I find that the safety features are not provided, I will declare the pool an "Unsafe Structure" until the minimum safety requirements are met.

SECTION R326 - SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

R326.27 Safety features.

R326.27.1. A residential pool shall be provided with a suitable handhold around its perimeter in areas where depths exceed three (3) feet six (6) inches. Handholds shall be provided no further apart than four (4) feet and shall consist of any one (1) or a combination of items listed as follows:

- 1. Coping, ledge, or deck along the immediate top edge of the pool that provides a slip-resisting surface of at least four (4) inches minimum horizontal width and located at or not more than twelve (12) inches above the waterline.*
- 2. Ladders, stairs, or seat ledges.*
- 3. A secured rope or railing placed at or not more than twelve (12) inches above the waterline.*

R326.27.2. Rope anchor devices shall be installed at a minimum of one (1) foot and a maximum of two (2) feet on the shallow end side of a point of change in floor slope. In pools where the slope change occurs in water depths less than four (4) feet six (6) inches, a transition rope supported by buoys shall be installed.

R326.27.3. Access to residential pools shall be restricted by one (1) of the following means:

- 1. Walls or fencing not less than four (4) feet high and completely surrounding the pool and deck area with the exception of self-closing and latching gates and doors, both capable of being locked.*
- 2. Other means not less than four (4) feet high and deemed impenetrable by the enforcing authority at the time of construction and completely surrounding the pool and deck area when the pool is not in use.*

3. A combination of item 1 and item 2 that completely surrounds the pool and deck with the exception of self-closing and latching gates and doors which are capable of being locked. This applies to item 1, item 2, and this item only.

4. A power safety pool cover that:

4.1. Shall provide a continuous connection between the cover and the deck, so as to prohibit access to the pool when the cover is completely drawn over the pool;

4.2. Shall be mechanically operated such that the cover cannot be drawn open or retracted without the use of a:

4.2.1. Key; or

4.2.2. Key and switch; or

4.2.3. Touch pad with a personal access code;

4.3. Is installed with track, rollers, rails, guides, or other accessories necessary to accomplish item 4.1 and item 4.2, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; and

4.4. Shall bear an identification tag indicating that the cover satisfies the requirements of ASTM F1346–91 (2018), Standards Performance Specification for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs, as published by ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428-2959 for power safety pool covers.

R326.27.4. Not less than the following lifesaving equipment shall be installed with each residential swimming pool:

1. A ring or throwing buoy fitted with forty (40) feet of one-fourth (1/4) inch diameter line.

2. A pole not less than twelve (12) feet in length.

3. Access to a telephone.

If you think you have extenuating circumstances or a hardship in providing the missing safety features at your property, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

I thank you all in advance for your consideration and self-policing of this issue.

Sincerely,

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