



City of Bullhead City

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Dear Swimming Pool Contractor,

We are pleased that the number of swimming pool and spa installations continues to steadily increase. Unfortunately, with the increase in the number of installations we are also experiencing an increase in the occurrence of pool barriers that are not code compliant. A swimming pool or spa that is filled with water without a code compliant pool barrier is a life safety hazard and a liability not only to the property owner but also to the contractor of record. In the interest of public safety and to prevent the need for corrective actions we have found it necessary to modify our permitting processes.

Changes to City policy include:

- Building/Zoning permits are no longer required for fences and block walls 6' or less in height that are not retaining. Fences and block walls are to comply with the City's municipal code in regards to materials, heights and locations. Fences and block walls located in a recorded easement require an Encroachment permit.
- "Pre-pool" courtesy site inspections with City inspection staff are no longer required.
- It is the swimming pool contractor's responsibility to ensure the installation of a code complaint pool barrier as part of the swimming pool permit.

Applications for swimming pool and spa installations received after May 14, 2018 must include:

- A complete submittal packet as outlined in the attached **Swimming Pool / Spa** handout. Partial or incomplete submittals will no longer be accepted.
- A completed and signed **Swimming Pool / Spa Barrier Checklist & Agreement** form.

If you have questions regarding the new procedure please feel free to contact our plan review staff at 928-763-0124.

Thank You,

Glen Wiltse, CBO

Development Services Director / Building Official

cc: Development Services Staff