



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0210, **Agenda Item #:** 36.

2/27/2025

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance repealing and replacing Article 14 (*Swimming Pool and Spa Code*) of City Code Chapter 25-12 (*Technical Codes*) to adopt the 2024 International Swimming Pool & Spa Code and local amendments. (Suggested date: March 27, 2025, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas). Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.

Lead Department

Development Services Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

June 4, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200604-051 adopting the 2018 International Swimming Pool & Spa Code and local amendments on Mayor Pro Tem Garza's motion, Council Member Pool's second on an 11-0 vote.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 11, 2024 - Building and Fire Board recommended adoption of the 2024 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code on a 6-0 vote.

Additional Backup Information:

Highlights of the 2024 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code include:

- **Pool Interior Colors:** The minimum lightness value for pool interiors is now set at 6.5 on the Munsell Gray Scale.
- **Pool Design Elements:** Decorative designs may be incorporated into pool interiors, provided they do not compromise visibility.
- **Slip Resistance Standards:** A coefficient of friction value has been established to assess the slip resistance of walking surfaces.
- **Structural and Safety Standards:** New standards have been introduced for elevated pools, pump rooms, chemical storage, mesh barriers, and public interactive water features.
- **Secondary Sanitation Requirements:** Pools with a higher risk of microbial contamination must now include secondary sanitation systems. This applies to wading pools, interactive water features, therapy pools, and pools primarily used by children under five.
- **Handhold Requirement Adjustment:** The water depth threshold for requiring a handhold provision has

been reduced from 42 inches to 24 inches.

- Class C Pool Facility Requirements: Chapter 6 clarifies that changing rooms and cleansing showers are not mandatory for Class C pools with a water surface area of less than 7,500 square feet.