



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0620, Agenda Item #: 43.

4/10/2025

### Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and 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; and creating offenses. 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.

February 27, 2025 - Council set the public hearing for March 27 on Council Member Velasquez's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes' second on an 11-0 vote.

March 27, 2025 - Council conducted a public hearing but took no action.

### For More Information:

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### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 11, 2024 - Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals 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.