

ORDINANCE NO. 76-5

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SWIMMING POOLS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. Compliance. No person shall construct, install, maintain or fill any private residential swimming pool in the Village or fill any public swimming pool in the Village without complying with all the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish minimum safety standards to protect the public health, safety and welfare in the construction, installation, maintenance or filling of private residential swimming pools and in the filling of public swimming pools. Public swimming pools are also subject to the provisions of "An Act for the sanitary control of swimming pools", approved July 28, 1931, as heretofore or hereafter amended.

Section 3. Definitions. (a) The term "Public Swimming Pool" is hereby defined as any artificial basin of water which has been modified, improved, constructed or installed for the purpose of public swimming and includes pools for community use, pools at apartments having five or more living units, clubs, camps, schools, institutions, park and recreation areas, motels, hotels, mobile home parks and other commercial establishments.

(b) The term "Private Residential Swimming Pool" is hereby defined as a receptacle for water, or an artificial pool of water having a depth at any point of more than 24 inches, intended for the purpose of immersion or partial immersion therein of human beings, and including all appurtenant equipment, constructed, installed and maintained in or above the ground outside of a building used for a dwelling unit. Provided further, that such private

residential swimming pool is maintained by an individual primarily for the use of his household and guests and not for the purpose of profit or in connection with any business operated for profit.

Section 4. Location. Private residential swimming pools shall be permitted in R-1, R-2 and R-3 Residential Districts only.

Section 5. Fence. All swimming pools heretofore or hereafter constructed, installed, enlarged or altered shall be completely enclosed by a fence of sound construction erected along the periphery of the pool walks or around the pool; and secure for trespass. All fence openings or points of entry into pool area enclosure shall be equipped with gates. The fences and gates shall be 48 inches or more in height above the ground grade level. All gates shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed at the top of the gate and made inaccessible to small children.

Section 6. Ladders or steps. All private residential pools above the ground level shall have means of egress in the form of one or more ladders or sets of steps, which shall be removed or secured when the pool is not in use to prevent access to the pool. Any closure device shall be equipped with a self-latching device or lock.

Section 7. Permit. No person shall proceed with the construction, installation, enlargement or alteration of any private residential swimming pool and appurtenances within the village unless a permit shall first have been obtained from the Village Superintendent.

Section 8. Drawings. All drawings and plans for the construction, installation, enlargement or alteration of any

private residential swimming pool and appurtenances for which a permit is required shall first be presented to the Village Superintendent for examination and approval as to proper location, construction and use.

Section 9. Permit fee. The fee for a permit for the erection or construction of a swimming pool shall be \$ _____.

Section 10. Penalty. Violation of any provision of this ordinance shall result in suspension of water service for the purpose of filling or refilling any private residential swimming pool or public swimming pool. Whoever violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs.

Section 11. Effective date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 10 days after its passage, approval and due publication.


PASSED _____, 1975.

APPROVED _____, 1975.

PUBLISHED _____, 1975.

President, Board of Trustees of the
Village of Chatham

ATTEST:



Village Clerk