

# Standards for Public Swimming Pools, Spas, Public Interactive Water Features and Fountains

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## Background Information

- In 2001, Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 265, subchapters L and M adopted, establishing minimum operating standards for public pools, spas, and public interactive water features.
- Proposed changes add additional requirements to ensure the health and safety of residents.
- Changes consistent with requirements adopted by neighboring jurisdictions.

## Outreach

- In February, Health Services staff held two public meetings for pool permit holders and pool maintenance providers.
- The ten attendees provided positive feedback to proposed changes.

## Current Requirements of Chapter 94

- An annual swimming pool permit and a \$500 fee.
- Bi-annual inspections for pools, spas, and interactive water features.
- Temporary closure(s) required when bodily fluids contaminate pool water.
- No re-inspection required or fee charged for temporary closure(s).

## Proposed Additional Requirements

- Establishes requirements for a Certified Pool Operator (CPO).
- Pool permit and CPO Certificate posting requirements.
- Requires an annual letter from a licensed electrician certifying all electrical equipment meets current code.
- Provides for temporary closure(s) and re-inspection for violating additional safety criteria such as:
  - Water quality
  - 4” sphere able to pass through vertical members of enclosure
  - Nonfunctional emergency phone
  - Malfunctioning pool enclosure gates

## Proposed Additional Requirements

- Pool Chemistry (Free Chlorine & pH) tested daily and records maintained for one year.
- Onsite maintenance of drain cover installation records.
- Replacement pool drain cover must be kept on site.
- Pre-season and annual pool inspection.
- When no pool operator or permit holder on-site, Health Services staff may secure malfunctioning entry gates.

## Proposed Fees

- No change in permit fees for public pools.
- Permit for Public Interactive Water Feature of \$250.
- Late Fee of \$200.
- Re-Inspection Fee of \$75 after a pool closure.

Questions?

