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**11.50.010 Fence or other enclosure--Required when.**

Every person who shall own or be in possession of any premises on which there is situated a swimming pool, fish pond or other outside body of water created by artificial means, designed or used for swimming or other immersion purposes by men, women or children, any portion of which is two feet deep or more, and the surface area of the water in which does not exceed 10,000 square feet, shall erect and maintain on such lot or premises, and completely surrounding such body of water, lot or premises, a fence, wall or other structure, which fence, wall or other structure complies with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 501, 1949.)

**11.50.020 Sign posting required--Contents.**

Every person who owns, operates or maintains a private swimming pool for the use of himself, his family or friends in the unincorporated area of the county of Los Angeles shall post or display a sign or poster which is clearly visible from any point immediately adjacent to such pool, which is protected against the elements, and which describes and illustrates the proper procedures for giving both mouth-to-mouth and manual artificial respiration. Every such sign or poster shall also contain the following statements or information:

A. A statement that in case of need, mouth-to-mouth or manual artificial respiration should be started immediately and should be continued until a physician arrives or until mechanical

resuscitators are applied;

B. The words "FIRE DEPARTMENT PARAMEDIC RESCUE UNIT" followed by the telephone number of the nearest Los Angeles County fire department dispatcher;

C. The location and telephone number of the nearest emergency hospital or other emergency treatment facility and of the nearest physician; and

D. The telephone number of the nearest ambulance service. (Ord. 11069 § 1, 1975; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 501.1, 1949.)

#### **11.50.030 New pools--Sign posting required.**

Every contractor or other person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation constructing any private swimming pool which is subject to the provisions of Section 11.50.020 shall upon completion of such swimming pool erect a sign or poster which in all respects complies with the requirements of said Section 11.50.020. (Ord. 11069 § 2, 1975; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 501.2, 1949.)

#### **11.50.040 Fence or other enclosure--Design requirements.**

The fence, wall or other structure required by this chapter shall be not less than five feet high, measured from the existing surface to the top of the fence or wall on the side of the fence or wall opposite the side towards the pool, with no openings except doors or gates, with an area greater than 50 square inches, except that a rectangular opening having no horizontal dimension exceeding four inches may have a greater area. (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 502, 1949.)

#### **11.50.050 Wood fences.**

Wood fences shall have posts not less than three inches by three inches, spaced not over 10 feet on centers, and embedded at least 18 inches into the ground. Posts, other than redwood, shall be treated with a preservative. Fencing shall be at least one-half inch in thickness, and fastened securely to at least two rails not less than two inches by three inches in cross-section. (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 503, 1949.)

#### **11.50.060 Wire fences.**

Wire fences shall be constructed of wire mesh of not less than 1 1 gauge galvanized-steel wire supported on one and one-fourth inch diameter galvanized pipe spaced not over 10 feet on centers. Posts shall be embedded at least 12 inches into concrete fill, in holes not less than six inches in diameter and 18 inches in depth. (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 504, 1949.)

#### **11.50.070 Masonry fences.**

Masonry fences shall be supported on a foundation of concrete extending not less than 12 inches below grade, not less than 12 inches in width, and not less than six inches in thickness. Wall steel, when required, shall be embedded 16 diameters into the footing. (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 505, 1949.)

#### **11.50.080 Fence--Alternate type authorized when.**

If the county engineer finds that any other type of construction has resulted in, or will result in, a fence in all respects the equivalent in strength and durability to a fence constructed as provided in Sections 11.50.050, 11.50.060 or 11.50.070, such type of construction may be used. (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 506, 1949.)

**11.50.090 Fences higher than six feet--Additional regulations.**

All fences or walls exceeding six feet in height shall comply with the provisions of Ordinance 2225, the Building Code, set out at Title 26 of this code. (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 507, 1949.)

**11.50.100 Gates and doors--Self-closing devices required.**

All gates or doors opening through the fence or structure protecting a swimming pool, as required by this chapter, shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices not less than four feet above grade, capable of keeping such gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use. (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 508, 1949.)

**11.50.110 Gates and doors--Size and use.**

All doors or gates shall be of such size as to completely fill any opening in the fence or wall. The owner or person in possession of the premises on which such swimming pool exists shall keep such doors and gates closed and securely latched at all times when such swimming pool is not in use. (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 509, 1949.)

**11.50.120 Portable pools.**

This chapter does not apply to portable swimming pools which are so designed that the water in them can, at no time, exceed two feet in depth, but does apply to all other portable swimming pools. (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 510, 1949.)

**11.50.130 Violation deemed misdemeanor.**

Any person owning, maintaining, operating or in possession of a pond or pool, as defined in this chapter, and who is in violation of this Division 2, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be arrested and taken immediately before the magistrate by the sheriff or released after giving his written promise to appear before the magistrate as provided in Ordinance 6723. (See Chapter 1.24 of this code.) (Ord. 9415 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 5307 Art. 5 § 511, 1949.)

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