ORDINANCE NO. 998

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF SWIMMING POOLS IN THE CITY OF EDMONDS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Swimming Pool Code", herein termed "this Code", of the City of Edmonds.

Section 2. Definitions. For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

OFFICIALS shall mean the officials of the City Building Department.

SWIMMING POOL shall mean any constructed or manufactured pool over 24 inches in maximum depth, with a water volume exceeding 250 cubic feet, to be used for swimming or similar water activities.

PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL shall mean any swimming pool to be used as such by a single family and their guests.

SEMI-PUBLIC POOLS shall mean any swimming pools for the use of paying guests of the owner, as in apartments, motels, trailer courts.

PUBLIC POOL shall mean any swimming pool intended for the general use of the public.

Section 3. Administration. This Ordinance shall be administered by the officials of the City Building Department of the City of Edmonds. As such, said officials shall have police powers, including the right of entry, upon proper identification, and said officials shall not be personally liable for damage to persons or property when acting in good faith in the administration of this ordinance. Said officials may approve, in writing, materials alternative to those prescribed by this Ordinance, or methods of construction if such methods and/or materials are equal, in their judgment, to those prescribed herein. Appeals from the rulings of the officials may be made in writing to the Edmonds City Council. Under the statute, the State Department of Health has joint jurisdiction over semi-public

and public swimming pools.

Section 4. Location and setbacks. Swimming Pools may be located in any use zone in the City of Edmonds. Minimum setback to the inside face of the pool shall be not less than the following (from property lines):

S-12 Use Zone - - 25 feet from front, and 7-1/2 feet from sides and rear.

All other Zones - 15 feet from front, and 5 feet from sides and rear.

Section 5. Permits. A permit for the construction, reconstruction or substantial alteration of a swimming pool must be obtained from the Building Department of the City of Edmonds on forms provided for such permits, before any such work is commenced. Application for permit shall be accompanied by plans, details and specifications in duplicate, showing the following:

1. Plot plan, minimum scale 1/16" equalling 1 foot, showing location on the lot, setbacks from property lines, filter location, backwash discharge line to disposal area, yard lights, existing adjacent overhead electrical lines, fences and gate.
2. Pool plan, minimum scale 1/8" equalling 1 foot, fully dimensioned, showing paved areas, pool ladder and steps, spring board, if any, pressure relief valve, filter, skimmers, all water piping with pipe sizes and directions of flow, refill piping, if any, electric circuits for yard lights, filter motors, and underwater lights, noting the extent of metal conduit.
3. Pool vertical sections, minimum scale 1/8" equalling 1 foot, showing pool depths, wall and floor construction with steel reinforcement, if required.
4. Structural details, minimum scale, 1/2" to one foot.
5. Manufacturers, catalogue and performance data for filter installation.

Section 6. Fees. The following fees shall be paid upon application for permit for construction, reconstruction or substantial alteration of a swimming pool in the City of Edmonds:

Private pools - - - - - $10.00

Semi-public or public pools - $20.00

Such fees shall include all necessary permits for pool and plumbing, but shall not include fees for permits for electrical work.

Section 7. Pool design and specifications. The following shall be the minimum standards for pool design and specifications for material and construction for pools in the City of Edmonds:

A. Design: The walls and floor shall be designed to withstand the water pressure from within when the pool is full, and the pressure from without, when the pool is empty; the maximum floor slopes shall be depths to five feet, one foot in ten; depths of more than five feet, one foot in two feet. A pressure relief valve shall be provided at the lowest elevation of the pool, if required, and walls and floor of the pool shall be smooth and painted a light color.

B. Equipment required:

Steps or ladder at each end of pool.
Bull-nosed coping nine inches (maximum) above the normal water level.
Depth markings at each side of pool, at each end, and at the five foot depth.
One or more waterproof lights, two feet six inches below water level.
Five foot wide (minimum) paved walk at all sides of pool, with non-slip surface, sloped away from pool.
Two life buoy rings with casting rope.
Two life hooks with twelve foot poles.
One (call for help) gong.
Spring Boards, if any, shall be a maximum of three feet above water level, and substantially secured.

C. Recirculating Water System must be approved by the officials before installation, and must be operated when the pool is in daily use. Operating instructions shall be posted at the equipment. The system shall include, in addition to necessary piping, fittings, valves and gauges, the following:

1. Skimmers with a three inch adjustment for water level, including a removable screen, to remove hair, lint and foreign objects.
2. Motor driven pump to circulate the water completely in a 24 hour period.
3. Pressure sand filter or approved equal, approval to be based on the following performances:
    a. clarity of effluent
    b. dirt holding capacity and length of filter cycle
    c. durability of material
4. Backwash equipment

Water drained from the pool and backwash from the filter shall be wasted on the ground as irrigation or discharged into storm drains or street gutter without damage to adjacent premises.

The circulation system shall be installed in a satisfactory operating condition, and shall be so maintained by the owner. Pool water shall be disinfected by chlorine compounds, or equal, subject to the approval of the Health Department.

D. Plumbing: piping shall be the required size, galvanized steel or Type L or K copper tubing, and shall comply with the W. P. O. Uniform Plumbing Code, Appendix "D". All piping shall be tested and inspected before being covered.

E. Electrical: equipment shall include wiring for pump motors, yard lights and one or more 500 watt waterproof under-water light, placed two feet, six inches below the water line. All outlets shall be grounded. Underground circuits shall be in rigid conduit five feet from the pool. Overhead wiring shall be at least fifteen feet above the pool, and all wiring shall comply with the N. E. Code and the Washington State Supplement.

F. Fence and gate: the pool area shall be completely surrounded by a substantial fence, being a minimum of four feet high. If fence is of wood or wire, no openings shall be greater than two inches, and a self-closing, self-latching gate must be provided, with an inside lock inaccessible to children aged five years or younger. The gate shall be securely locked when the pool is unattended.

Section 8. Plastic Pools. Above ground plastic pools shall be a maximum size of 500 cubic feet of water volume, with a maximum depth of three feet. Such pools are to be substantially constructed and water tight, and the water therein is to be kept clean and properly chlorinated. Owners of such pools are to be responsible for water damage to adjacent premises, and adequate fencing is to be provided.

Section 9. Nuisances. No loud, unnecessary or unusual noises by pool users will be allowed to disturb or annoy others. Yard lights shall be shielded from the neighbors' premises.

Section 10. Responsibility of Pool Owner. The pool shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and all equipment maintained in a satisfactory operating condition when the pool is in use. Adequate supervision shall be maintained at all times when the pool is in use, so that no person may be injured or drowned therein.

Section 11. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon

conviction thereof, is punishable by a fine of not to exceed $300.00, or by imprisonment for a term of not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 12. Effective date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after five days after its passage and publication according to law.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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