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To: Applicants for Building Permits for Private Swimming Pools and Spa Pools Located at a Single-Family Home or Duplex

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Subject: Construction Requirements for Private Pools and Spa Pools Located at a Single-Family Home or Duplex

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The Alexandria Aquatic Health Code (Sec. 11-11-1 et seq.) does not apply to a residential swimming pool serving a single family dwelling or a duplex residence. Construction requirements for these facilities are contained in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

EXCEPTION: A swimming pool of any type located at a single family dwelling or duplex residence that is used as a bed and breakfast or child care facility must meet the requirements of the Aquatic Health Code.

The Alexandria Aquatic Health Code (Sec. 11-11-1 et seq.) does not apply to a spa pool (including a therapeutic pool, hydrotherapy pool, whirlpool, hot spa, or hot tub) serving a single family dwelling or a duplex residence. Construction requirements for these facilities are contained in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

EXCEPTION: A spa pool (including a therapeutic pool, hydrotherapy pool, whirlpool, hot spa, or hot tub) located at a single family dwelling or duplex residence that is used as a bed and breakfast or child care facility must meet the requirements of the Aquatic Health Code.

If you have questions, please contact the Environmental Health Division at (703) 746-4910.

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City of Alexandria
Aquatic Health Ordinance
(excerpts)

Sec. 11-11-5 Definitions.

Aquatic facility means a facility for water recreation or water therapy including, but not limited to, a public pool facility, spa pool facility, a waterpark facility, or an interactive water feature facility.

Public pool means any pool, other than a residential pool serving a single family dwelling or duplex residence that is not a bed and breakfast or a child care facility, which is intended to be used collectively by a number of persons for swimming, recreation, fitness, relaxation, or therapeutic purposes. Man-made structures such as plastic and/or inflatable wading pools designed for the temporary impoundment of uncirculated and/or undisinfecting water will not be permitted as a public pool.

Spa pool means any pool intended to be used for recreational or therapeutic use which may include a water jet and/or aeration system, may be heated or cooled, and is not drained, cleaned or refilled after each individual use. The term includes, but is not limited to, units designed for hydrojet recirculation, hot water, cold water, mineral bath, air induction bubbles, or any combination thereof. Common terminology for a spa pool includes, but is not limited to, therapeutic pool, hydrotherapy pool, whirlpool, hot spa, and hot tub. The term spa pool excludes spa pools used by or under the direct supervision and control of licensed medical personnel located in a medical facility and spa pools serving a single family dwelling or duplex residence that is not a bed and breakfast or a child care facility.

Swimming pool means any pool intended to be used for public recreational swimming and/or public recreational diving, and means the same as public pool.