

City of Amesbury, MA
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Chapter 408. Swimming Pools

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Amesbury as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

Article I. Fencing

[Adopted as Art. 30 of the 1990 Bylaws]

§ 408-1. Classification of pools.

Any constructed pool which is used, including pools already existing, or intended to be used as a swimming pool in connection with a single- or two-family residence and available only to the family of the householder and his private guests shall be classified as a private swimming pool. Any swimming pool other than a private swimming pool shall be classified in the public or semipublic swimming pool categories.

§ 408-2. Building Code.

Every class of swimming pool shall be subject to applicable provisions of the Massachusetts State Building Code currently in effect.

[1] *Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).*

§ 408-3. Height of fence or wall.

All private outdoor swimming pools, whether or not filled with water, shall be completely surrounded at all times by a fence or wall not less than four feet in height above grade, which may be the pool wall itself.

§ 408-4. Gaps in fence or wall.

Every such fence or wall shall be so constructed as to not have openings, holes or gaps larger than four inches in any dimension except for doors, gates and picket fences; in the latter case, however, the gaps between pickets shall not exceed four inches.

§ 408-5. Gates or doors.

All gates or doors opening through such enclosure shall be of not less than four feet in height and shall be equipped with a self-latching device located at least four feet above the underlying ground and inaccessible from the outside to small children. Every such gate or door shall be kept latched at all times when the swimming pool is not in use, and any ladders removed.

Article II. Wiring

[Adopted as Art. 37 of the 1990 Bylaws]

§ 408-6. Wiring permit.

No building permit for the installation of any swimming pool shall be issued unless a wiring permit is issued at the same time.

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