

**CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2557  
2021 INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE  
WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS, BY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 6-8, ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE ADOPTED" AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 6-8, ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE ADOPTED" BY ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE*, AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE *INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE*; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of The Colony, Texas, is of the opinion that the 2021 Edition of the *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*, along with local amendments hereto, should be adopted as the Swimming Pool and Spa Code for the City of The Colony.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2.** That the Code of Ordinances of the City of The Colony, Texas, be, and the same is, hereby amended by amending Chapter 6, Article I, by repealing in its entirety Section 6-8, and replacing it with a new Section 6-8, entitled "International Swimming Pool and Spa Code Adopted" which shall read as follows:

**“Sec. 6-8. International Swimming Pool and Spa Code Adopted.**

- (a) *Adoption.* The *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code* with Appendices A through D, 2021 edition, is hereby adopted and designated as the Swimming Pool and Spa Code for the City of The Colony, Texas. A copy of the 2021 Edition of the *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code* is on file in the office of the City Secretary.
- (b) *Local Amendments.* The following provisions are local amendments to the 2021 Edition of the *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*. Each provision is a substitute for the identically numbered provision contained in the 2021 Edition of the *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code* or is a provision added to the 2021 Edition of the *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*, and is attached hereto as ***Exhibit A*** to this Ordinance.”

**SECTION 3.** If any section, article paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance, or application thereto any persons or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** That all provisions of the Ordinances of the City of The Colony, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby amended, repealed, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5.** Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction in the municipal court of the City of The Colony, Texas, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Every day a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its date of passage in accordance with law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS, THIS 19<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2024.**

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/s/Richard Boyer, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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/s/Tina Stewart, TRMC, CMC City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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/s/Jeff Moore, City Attorney

***Exhibit A***

[International Swimming Pool and Spa Code Local Amendments]

## Recommended Regional Amendments to the 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

North Central Texas Council of Governments Region

The following sections, paragraphs, and sentences of the *2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code* are hereby amended as follows: Standard type is text from the ISPSC. Underlined type is text inserted. ~~Lined through type is deleted text from ISPSC.~~ A double asterisk at the beginning of a section identifies an amendment carried over from the 2018 edition of the code. A triple asterisk (\*\*\*) identifies a new or revised amendment with the 2021 ISPSC code.

### **\*\*Section 102.9; Change to read as follows:**

**Section 102.9 Other laws.** The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law, to include but not limited to:

1. Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS); *Standards for Public Pools and Spas*; §285.181 through §285.208. (TDSHS rules do not apply to pools serving one- and two-family dwellings or townhouses).
2. Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR); *2012 Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS)*. TAS provide the scoping and technical requirements for accessibility for Swimming Pool, wading pools and spas and shall comply with *2012 TAS, Section 242*. (TAS rules do not apply to pools serving one- and two-family dwellings or townhouses).

**Exception:** Elements regulated under Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) and built in accordance with TDLR approved plans, including any variances or waivers granted by the TDLR, shall be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this Chapter.

*(Reason: To clarify specific Texas statutes which regulate public pools and spas.)*

### **\*\*\*Section 113.4 Violation penalties; *Changed to read as follows:***

**113.4 Violation penalties.** Any person who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair a pool or spa in violation of the *approved* construction documents or directive of the *code official*, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code may be punishable for each day of the violation set forth by the *authority having jurisdiction*. ~~shall be guilty of a [SPECIFY OFFENSE], punishable by a fine of not more than [AMOUNT] dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding [NUMBER OF DAYS], or both such a fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.~~

*(Reason: Covered by general provisions of the Code of Ordinances.)*

### **\*\*\*Section 305; Change to read as follows:**

### **305.1 General.**

The provisions of this section shall apply to the design of barriers for restricting entry into areas having pools and spas. In only one-and two-family dwellings and townhouses, where spas or hot tubs are equipped with a lockable safety cover complying with ASTM F1346 and swimming pools are equipped with a powered safety cover that complies with ASTM F1346, the areas where those spas, hot tubs or pools are located shall not be required to comply with Sections 305.2 through 305.7.

*(Reason: To clarify requirements for dwellings and commercial properties and specific Texas statutes which regulate public pools and spas.)*

**\*\* Add subsection 305.2.7.1; to read as follows:**

**305.2.7.1 Chain link fencing prohibited.** Chain link fencing is not permitted as a barrier in public pools built after January 1, 1994.

*(Reason: To clarify specific Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 757.003 (f).)*

**\*\*\*Section 305.4 structure wall as a barrier; Changes as follows:**

**305.4 Structure wall as a barrier.** Where a wall of a dwelling or structure of a one- and two-family dwelling or townhouse or its accessory structure serves as part of a barrier and where doors or windows provide direct access to the pool or spa through that wall, one of the following shall be required:

1. Remainder Unchanged
2. Remainder Unchanged
3. Remainder Unchanged
4. Remainder unchanged
5. Remainder unchanged
6. Remainder unchanged

*(Reason: To clarify specific Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 757.007.*

**\*\*Section 305.6; Change to read as follows:**

**305.6 Natural barriers used in a one- and two-family dwelling or townhouse.** In the case where the pool or spa area abuts the edge of a lake or other natural body of water, public access is not permitted or allowed along the shoreline, and required barriers extend to and beyond the water's edge a minimum of eighteen (18) inches, a barrier is not required between the natural body of water shoreline and the pool or spa.

*(Reason: Specific Texas statutes do not allow the use of natural barriers in lieu of fencing for public pools per Chapter 757.003).*

**\*\*Section 307.1.4 Accessibility; Add exception to Section to 307.1.4 as follows:**

**Exception:** Components of projects regulated by and registered with Architectural Barriers Division of Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

*(Reason: To accommodate buildings regulated under state law. Further clarified to mean Components that are specifically addressed by TDLR shall be exempt.)*

**\*\*\*Section 307.2.2.2; add to read as follows:**

**Section 307.2.2.2. Adjacency to Structural Foundation.** Depth of the swimming pool and spa shall maintain a ratio of 1:1 from the nearest building foundation or footing of a retaining wall.

Exception:

A sealed engineered design drawing of the proposed new structure shall be submitted for approval.

*(Reason: To clarify specific distances for pools and spas, correlates with IRC 327.1.)*

**\*\*Section 310; Change to read as follows:**

**310.1 General.** Suction entrapment avoidance for pools and spas shall be provided in accordance with APSP 7 (ANSI/PHTA/ICC 7) or for public swimming pools in accordance with State of Texas Rules for Public Swimming Pools and Spas, Title 25 TAC Chapter 265 Subchapter L, Rule §265.190.

*[Remainder unchanged]*

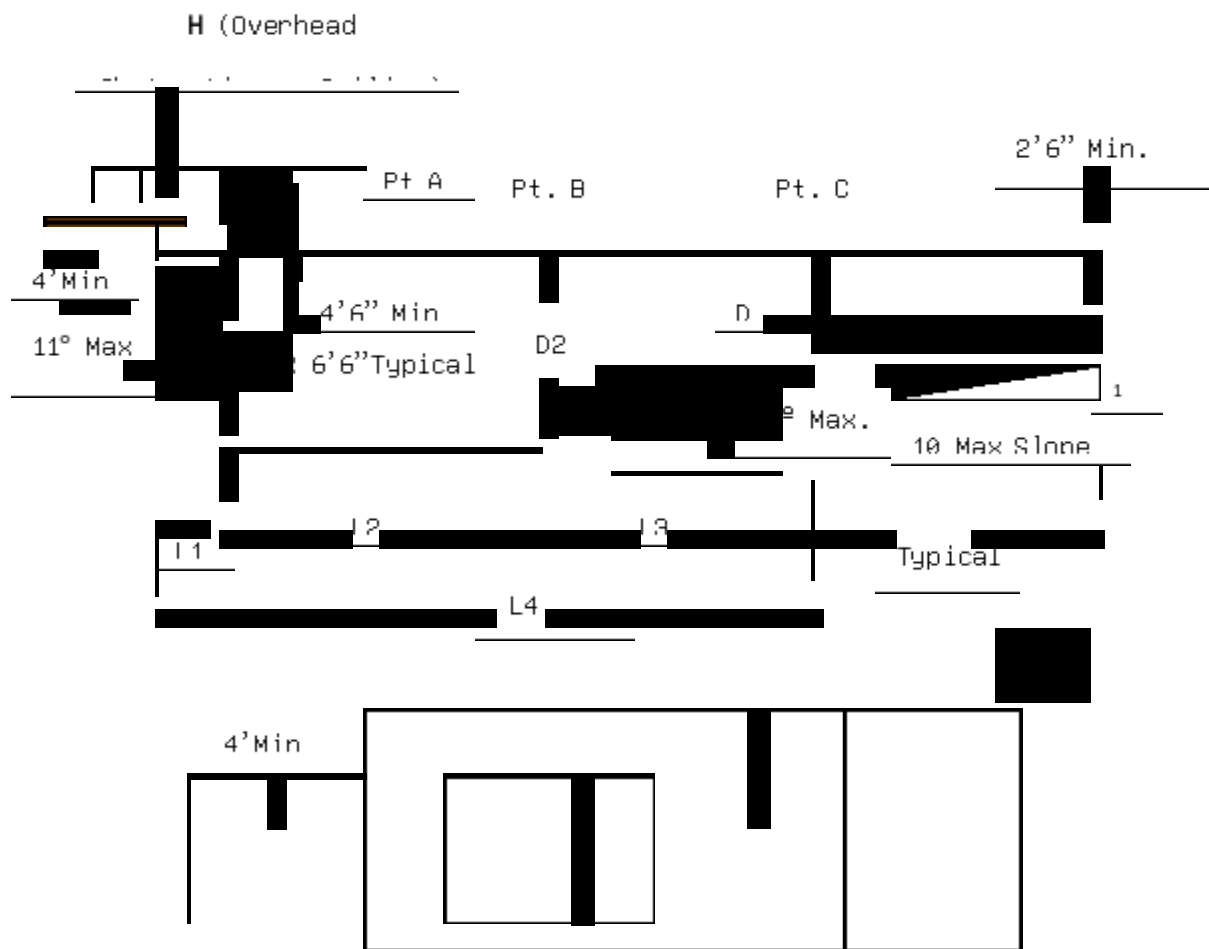
*(Reason: To clarify specific Texas statutes which regulate public pools and spas.)*

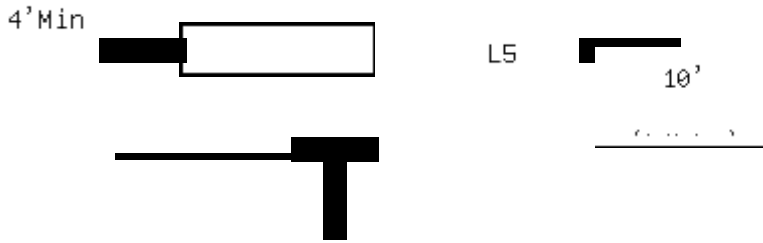
**\*\* Section 402.12; Change to read as follows:**

**402.12 Water envelopes.** The minimum diving water envelopes shall be in accordance with ~~Table 402.12 Texas department of State Health services, Administrative Code Title 25, Chapter 265, Section 186 (e) and Figure: 25 TAC 256.186 (e) (6).~~ (Delete Table 402.12 and Figure 402.12)

***ADD: Figure: 25 TAC §265.186 (e) (6)***

Maximum Diving Board Height Over Water	¾ Meter	1 Meter	3 Meters
Max. Diving Board Length	12 ft.	16 ft.	16 ft.
Minimum Diving Board Overhang	2 ft. 6 in.	5 ft.	5 ft.
D1 Minimum	8 ft. 6 in.	11 ft. 2 in.	12 ft. 2 in.
D2 Minimum	9 ft.	10 ft. 10 in.	11 ft. 10 in.
D3 Minimum	4 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.
L1 Minimum	4 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.
L2 Minimum	12 ft.	16 ft. 5 in.	19 ft. 9 in.
L3 Minimum	14 ft. 10 in.	13 ft. 2 in.	13 ft. 11 in.
L4 Minimum	30 ft. 10 in.	34 ft. 7 in.	38 ft. 8 in.
L5 Minimum	8 ft.	10 ft.	13 ft.
H Minimum	16 ft.	16 ft.	16 ft.
From Plummet to Pool Wall at Side	9 ft.	10 ft.	11 ft. 6 in.
From Plummet to Adjacent Plummet	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.





(Reason: To avoid conflict with 25 TAC Chapter 265.)

**\*\*Section 411.2.1 & 411.2.2; Change to read as follows:**

**411.2.1 Tread dimensions and area.** Treads shall have a minimum unobstructed horizontal depth (i.e., horizontal run) of 12 inches and a minimum width of 20 inches. not be less than 24 inches (607mm) at the leading edge. Treads shall have an unobstructed surface area of not less than 240 square inches (154838mm<sup>2</sup>) and an unobstructed horizontal depth of not less than 10 inches (254 mm) at the center line.

**411.2.2 Risers.** Risers for steps shall have a maximum uniform height of 10 inches, with the bottom riser height allowed to taper to zero except for the bottom riser, shall have a uniform height of not greater than 12 inches (305 mm) measured at the center line. The bottom riser height is allowed to vary to the floor.

(Reason: To avoid conflict with 25 TAC Chapter 265.186 (c)(7)(A)& (B).)

**\*\*Section 411.5.1 & 411.5.2; Change to read as follows:**

**411.5.1 Swimouts.** Swimouts, located in either the deep or shallow area of a pool, shall comply with all of the following:

1. Unchanged
2. Unchanged
3. Unchanged
4. The leading edge shall be visibly set apart and provided with a horizontal solid or broken stripe at least 1 inch wide on the top surface along the front leading edge of each step. This stripe shall be plainly visible to persons on the pool deck. The stripe shall be a contrasting color to the background on which it is applied, and the color shall be permanent in nature and shall be a slip-resistant surface.

**411.5.2 Underwater seats and benches.** Underwater seats and benches, whether used alone or in conjunction with pool stairs, shall comply with all of the following:

1. Unchanged
2. Unchanged
3. Unchanged



4. Unchanged
5. The leading edge shall be visually set apart and provided with a horizontal solid or broken stripe at least 1 inch wide on the top surface along the front leading edge of each step. This stripe shall be.

plainly visible to persons on the pool deck. The stripe shall be a contrasting color to the background on which it is applied, and the color shall be permanent in nature and shall be a slip-resistant surface.

6. Unchanged
7. Unchanged

*(Reason: To avoid conflict with 25 TAC Chapter 265.184 (u) & 265.186 (c)(10).)*

**\*\*Section 610.5.1; Change to read:**

**610.5.1 Uniform height of 9-10 inches.** Except for the bottom riser, risers at the centerline shall have a maximum uniform height of 9-10 inches (229-254 mm). The bottom riser height shall be permitted to vary from the other risers.

*(Reason: To avoid conflict with 25 TAC Chapter 265.186 (c)(7)(B).)*

**\*\*Section 804 Diving Water Envelopes; Change to read as follows:**

**Section 804.1 General.** The minimum diving water envelopes shall be in accordance with Table 804.1 and Figure 804.1, or the manufacturer's specifications, whichever is greater. Negative construction tolerances shall not be applied to the dimensions of the minimum diving water envelopes given in Table 804.1.

*(Reason: To provide minimum standards and to clarify specific manufactures specifications of the diving equipment.)*

**END**