

**ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2024-**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND ENACT THE MARYLAND SWIMMING POOL AND SPA STANDARDS, INCORPORATING THE 2021 *INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE*, AS PROMULGATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**

**RECITALS**

Pursuant to MD Code, Public Safety §12-1205, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the “Board”) adopted by Ordinance No. ORD-2024-34 the Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards, under MD Code, Public Safety Title 12, Subtitle 12. Per Code of Maryland Regulations 09.12.56.05, the Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards incorporates therein the 2021 *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC 2021)*, as promulgated by the International Code Council.

It has been recommended that the Board adopt an amendment to these Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards as it regards to barrier requirements of pools, spas, and hot tubs.

A public hearing was held on August 27, 2024, following due notice, pursuant to MD Code, Local Gov’t §§ 9-105 and 13-901. Public comment was received, reviewed, and considered concerning the adoption of the 2021 *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*, as promulgated by the International Code Council as the Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards (COMAR 09.12.56) with local amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that ORD-2024-34 adopting the Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards, incorporating therein the 2021 *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*, as promulgated by the International Code Council, for Washington County, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference, is amended with the following local amendments:

Section 305.1            amended

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**CHAPTER 3 – GENERAL COMPLIANCE**, is amended as follows:

**SECTION 305, BARRIER REQUIREMENTS**, is amended as follows:

**Section 305.1 General is added to read as follows:**

**305.1** The provisions of this section shall apply to the design of barriers for restricting entry into areas having pools and spas. Regardless of whether spas or hot tubs are equipped with a lockable safety cover complying with ASTM F1346 or swimming pools are equipped with a powered safety cover that complies with ASTM F1346, the areas where spas, hot tubs or pools are located shall be required to comply with Sections 305.2 through 305.7.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.  
Effective the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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