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Pursuant to the powers vested in it by virtue of Section 236 of the City of Corner Brook Act 1990, and all other powers it enabling the Corner Brook City Council hereby adopts and enacts the following Regulations:

Purpose:

The purpose of this regulation is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all individuals and to provide land use controls in the City of Corner Brook.

Application:

This regulation shall apply to all new, remodeled, altered and relocated residential swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

Definitions:

A "Swimming Pool" is defined as an "Accessory Building" under the City of Corner Brook Development Regulations.

"Swimming Pool" means any depression in the ground, either temporary or permanent, or a container of water, either temporary or permanent, either above or below ground and which is used primarily for the purpose of wading or swimming excluding portable pools as defined herein.

"Portable Pool" means a container of water less than 450 millimetres in depth that can readily be disassembled for storage and reassembled to its original integrity.

"Hot Tub or Spa" means a hydro-massage pool or tub for recreational or therapeutic use, designed for immersion of users which may or may not have a filter, heater and motor driven blower.

Permit Required:

A permit shall be obtained from the Development Inspection Office prior to the construction, placement, alteration, repair or relocation of a swimming pool, hot tub or spa. Permit applications shall be accompanied by fully dimensioned drawings showing the following information:

- (a) Location of swimming pool, hot tub or spa on lot showing the distance from property lines, easements and structures.
- (b) Location of overhead and/or underground electrical wiring in relation to swimming pool, hot tub or spa.
- (c) Dimensions and depth of swimming pool, hot tub or spa.
- (d) Type, location and height of fence, either existing or proposed.
- (e) Type, dimensions and location of deck, either existing or proposed.

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General Requirements:

- Swimming pools shall not be located within two (2) metres of any structure other than a deck.
- Swimming pools or any part of a structure connected to a swimming pool shall not be located within one (1) metre of a side or rear property line.
- Swimming pools shall not project beyond the front building line.
- Swimming pools, hot tubs and spas shall not be located in utility or drainage easements.
- All construction shall meet the requirements of the National Building Code of Canada. (Latest Edition)
- All plumbing shall meet the requirements of the National Plumbing Code of Canada. (Latest Edition)
- All electrical shall meet the requirements of the Canadian Electrical Code. (Latest Edition)
- A wiring permit shall be obtained from the Government Service Centre prior to any electrical installation.

Shielding Lights:

Lights used to illuminate any residential swimming pool, hot tub or spa shall be so arranged and shaded as to reflect light away from adjoining properties.

Drainage:

A swimming pool, hot tub or spa shall not be drained on to adjoining properties. Drainage shall be directed to the Municipal sanitary sewer system.

Sanitation:

Filtration systems shall be maintained in proper working order. A swimming pool, hot tub or spa shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

Interference with Enjoyment of Property Rights Prohibited:

No residential swimming pool, hot tub or spa, shall be located, designed, operated or maintained so as to interfere unduly with all rights to which owners of neighbouring properties are entitled.

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Fence Requirements:

A fence not less than 1.8 metres high shall enclose all swimming pools, hot tubs and spas with the following exceptions:

- Hot tubs and spas do not need fence protection as long as they are covered and key locked when unattended.
- A deck which adjoins a swimming pool, hot tub or spa shall be protected at the perimeter by a guard rail not less than 900 millimetres high where there is a difference in elevation to adjacent surfaces of more than 600 millimetres.
- Handrails are required on stairs and ramps and shall be:
 - constructed as a guard rail,
 - 900 millimetres high, and
 - in compliance with these regulations.
- A fence shall not be located within one (1) metre of a swimming pool, hot tub or spa.
- Guard rails, fences and gates shall be constructed so as to prevent the passage of a spherical object 100 millimetres in diameter either through or under the guard rail or fence.
- Gates shall be:
 - of the same height as the guard rail or fence,
 - equipped with an approved self closing device,
 - equipped with an approved self latching device located on the inside of the gate,
 - closed and locked while unattended, and
 - in compliance with these regulations.
- Guard rails, fences and gates shall be constructed so that no member, attachment or opening located between 100 millimetres and 900 millimetres above the deck, ground or walking surface will facilitate climbing.
- Decks, landings, ramps and stair treads shall have a slip resistant surface.
- Portable pools do not need fence protection but must be drained or covered in such a manner as to provide public safety when left unattended.
- To assure public safety, variances for fences, guard rail and handrail heights less than specified in these regulations, shall not be granted.