



Notice to Swimming Pool Contractors Swimming Pool and Spa Ordinance Adoption September 10, 2008

Effective September 10, 2008 the City of Abilene has adopted Title 25, Chapter 265, Subchapter L of the Texas Administrative Code, "Standards for Public Pools and Spas". Permits issued on or after September 10, 2008 will be inspected for compliance with Chapter 265. Most of you are constructing pools and spas in compliance with Chapter 265 currently; this should cause little or no change for you. A copy of Chapter 265 can be downloaded from the TDSHS website:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/poolspa/rules.shtm>

There are no changes to the administrative sections of the code; however, all the swimming pool code requirements, administration and construction requirements have been relocated to a code pamphlet. This was done to provide contractors and citizens easier access. A copy of the code pamphlet can be downloaded from our website at **www.abilenetx.com/BuildingInspection/**

Only one change has been made to the residential swimming pool and spa code regarding the backwash of pool filters. This change was made to bring the swimming pool code in compliance with the City of Abilene Stormwater Ordinance which prohibits the discharge of swimming pool and spa backwash water to the ground. Backwash must be discharged to the sanitary sewer, and pool and spa water drainage cannot be discharge to the city's stormwater system unless it has been dechlorinated. These same requirements apply to public and restricted access pools and spas and are covered in Chapter 265. If you have any questions regarding the Stormwater Ordinance please contact the Stormwater Services Department at 676-6280. Building Inspection is currently researching ways to assist you in complying with this new change and we will report to you as we progress.