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FEE: \$750.00

**APPLICATION for PERMIT to CONSTRUCT a PUBLIC or SEMI-PUBLIC
SWIMMING POOL, SPA, WADING POOL, SPLASH PAD**

Name of Establishment _____ Pool Capacity in Gallons _____

Location of Pool _____ Phone on site _____

Type (Public, Club, Motel) _____ Person in Charge _____

Hours Open _____ A.M. to _____ P.M. Estimated daily attendance _____

Duration of Season _____ to _____ Wading pool in Main Pool _____ or Separate _____

Owner, Firm or Corporation _____ Phone # _____

Mailing Address _____

Applicant must conform to the following:

1. Diagram—to-scale showing lot, house or building and any other structure in relation to pool must be submitted with this application.
2. Detailed plans indicating materials of construction, walkways, re-circulation system, disinfection system, bathhouses, showers, toilets, and other information required by the Board of Health must be submitted with this application.
3. The undersigned agrees to operate the aforementioned swimming pool in accordance with provisions as set forth by Chapter Fourteen of the Town of Natick Regulations and Article VI of the State Sanitary Code establishing a code regulating and controlling the location and construction, alteration and operation of swimming pools, the issuance and declaring and defining certain swimming pools and nuisances and fixing penalties for violations adopted by the Board of Health and the Town of Natick and the State Department of Public Health.
4. THE BOARD OF HEALTH **MUST BE NOTIFIED** WHEN CONSTRUCTION AND REQUIREMENTS OF THIS POOL ARE COMPLETED. THE POOL SHALL NOT BE USED UNTIL SAID INSPECTION IS ACCOMPLISHED.

Owner Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Owner Signature _____ Date _____

Preliminary Inspection by Health Department _____

Final Inspection by Health Department _____

**GUIDELINES and PROCEDURES for OPENING and OPERATING a
SEMI-PUBLIC or PUBLIC SWIMMING, SPECIALTY OR WADING POOL**

The following is a list of steps that must be addressed as part of the application and permitting process for operating a semi-public or public swimming pool. All public and semi-public pools must be licensed annually by the Board of Health. (renewal applications and procedures will be sent each year)

1. **All pre-operational inspections with the Board of Health must be scheduled and satisfactorily completed at least five (5) business days prior to intended date of opening.** Any swimming pool that is not in compliance with all provisions of 105 CMR 435.000 Minimum Standards for Swimming Pools will not be issued a permit to operate.

2. Submit a completed permit application to the Natick Board of Health with all appropriate fees.

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| Fee Schedule: | Pool only: | \$525.00 |
| | Pool & Specialty Pool: | \$850.00 |
| | Specialty Pool only: | \$500.00 |

3. Provide copies of the Certified Pool Operator's (CPO) certification.

4. LIFEGUARDS

All semi-public and public pools operating in the Town of Natick are required to have lifeguards. Lifeguards must be a minimum of 16 years of age and have the following current certifications:

- A Red Cross Lifeguard Certificate or National YMCA Lifesaver's Certificate (or accepted equivalent)
 - American Heart Association or American Red Cross CPR Certificate
on-line computer training for the entire course does not meet the requirements for practical certification
 - A Red Cross Standard First Aid Certificate or National Safety Council First Aid Training, Level 2 Certificate
- Copies of all lifeguard certifications are to be made available for the Board of Health at the inspection for the pool opening. Additional copies must remain on site in the Pool Log Book.
 - All lifeguards are subject to approval by the Board of Health. Any variances of these regulations are to be determined by the Board of Health.
 - **There must be at least one (1) lifeguard for every 25 bathers.**

5. FENCING

Outdoor pools constructed after February 10, 1983 must have a chain link fence of six (6) feet in height. Pools constructed prior to this date were allowed fences five (5) feet in height.

All entrance gates must be equipped with a self-closing latch device at a minimum of four (4) feet above the ground. There shall be no openings in the enclosure greater than three (3) inches except for the gate.

Note: In the case where a building structure is part of the pool enclosure, only one of the following conditions will satisfy Board of Health requirements:

- a. Any openings leading from the building into the pool area must be removed so that the only access into the pool area can be through the entrance gate
or
- b. The entire pool must be enclosed by a six (6) foot chain link fence.

6. TESTING

A bacterial water quality test of the pool (including spas, wading pools and splash pads) water is required. The test results to pass include are:

- Coliform: NEGATIVE (or ≤ 1 CFU/100mL)
- OR**
- Bacteria: ≤ 200 CFU/mL
- AND**
- Pseudomonas Aeruginosa: NEGATIVE (or ≤ 1 CFU/100 mL)

7. **Chemical Standards** of the swimming pool at the time of the pre-opening inspection shall be tested and then conducted at the frequency shown in the following chart. Standards shall be tested with a DPD test kit that measures the concentration of chlorine (or bromine), pH, alkalinity and calcium hardness. Kits are to be in good repair with reagents that are no more than one (1) year old.

| <i>Chemical Standard</i> | <i>Range</i> | <i>Frequency</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| **Free Chlorine | 1.0 ppm-3.0 ppm | 4 times per day** |
| **Combined Chlorine | 0.0 ppm – 0.2 ppm | 4 times per day** |
| **pH | 7.2 – 7.8 | 4 times per day** |
| Alkalinity | 50 ppm – 150 ppm | 1 time per day |
| Calcium Hardness | | at least 1 time per week |

**** For specialty pools;** including spas, wading pools, slide pools or splash pads, these standards must be tested **at least FIVE (5) times daily****

Water clarity standards must be maintained to a level where a black six inch disc is easily visible at the pool’s deepest point.

Any time these standards are not met, it must be taken upon the pool operator to voluntarily remove any bathers from the pool until such time as the water standards meet the required levels. (Record such action in the log book)

It is imperative that all the board of Health Code requirements are met and maintained by the pool operator. If at any time the requirements are not maintained while the pool is in operation, the Board of Health will close the pool and/or fine the pool operator in accordance with the Natick Board of Health non-Criminal Disposition Procedures. The closing will include an attachment of a placard: “Closed per order of the Board of Health” to any/all gates. This placard is not to be removed until all Board of Health Regulations are satisfied.

8. INSPECTIONS

Included with the permit application package is a white "SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION CARD". Prior to scheduling an inspection with the Board of Health this card must be signed by the following Inspectors:

- Natick Building Inspector
- Natick Electrical Inspector
- Natick Plumbing Inspector (where applicable)

To schedule these inspectors call the Community Development Office at (508) 647-6450.

PLEASE NOTE:

Whenever violations are cited at the time of an inspection (pre-operational or routine), a re-inspection will be scheduled. If compliance is not met at that second inspections, a Re-Inspection Fee will be charged for each subsequent re-inspection.