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§101. "Private Swimming Pool" Defined. A private swimming pool, for the purposes of this Part, is defined as an artificial pool or body of water with a depth in excess of eighteen (18") inches and/or diameter of ten (10') feet. This shall include both excavated and aboveground pools. (Ord. 132, 8/3/1959, §1; as amended by Ord. 199, 9/8/1970, §1)

§102. Compliance with Zoning Regulations. All private swimming pools in the Borough of Hatfield shall be constructed so as to comply with the minimum setback and side yard requirements of structures in the pertinent zone, as set forth in the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough [Chapter 27] as amended. (Ord. 132, 8/3/1959, §2)

§103. Enclosure. All private swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a fence at least four (4") feet high and not more than six (5') feet high. The fence shall be a chainlink, stockade, picket (not exceeding four (4")-inch spacing) or solid wooden fence. Whether the pool is excavated or aboveground, the fence shall be located at least three (3') feet from the water's edge on all sides. In all cases, any gate into the pool shall have a self-latching lock which shall be placed at the top of the gate. (Ord. 132, 8/3/1959, §3; as amended by Ord. 208, 7/6/1971, §1)

§104. Size. The maximum permissible size for private swimming pools in the Borough of Hatfield shall be the thirty-five thousand (35,000) gallons capacity. (Ord. 132, 8/3/1959, §4)

§105. Unlawful Drainage. It shall be unlawful to empty or drain private swimming pools into the sanitary sewer system or into or upon the streets of the Borough. (Ord. 132, 8/3/1959, §5)

§106. Drainage. Water emptied or drained from private swimming pools must be consumed on the property in such manner as will not constitute a nuisance, or be emptied into the storm sewer system. Should the swimming pool owner elect to drain into the storm sewer system, he shall be obliged to install at his own cost and under the supervision of the Borough of Hatfield, a connection from his pool into said storm sewer system. (Ord. 132, 8/3/1959, §6)

§107. Filtering System. All private swimming pools in the Borough must be equipped with a filtering system, sufficient to maintain the purity of the water in said swimming pool. (Ord. 132, 8/3/1959, §7)

§108. Application for and Filing of Plans of Construction. Anyone desiring to construct a private swimming pool in the Borough of Hatfield shall make application for same on forms supplied by the Borough, and shall accompany such application with complete plans and specifications. (Ord. 132, 8/3/1959, §8)

§109. Inspection Fee. A fee, in an amount as established from time to time by resolution of Borough Council, payable in advance, shall be made

for each such application. (Ord. 132, 8/3/1959, §10; as amended by Ord. 238, 7/10/1973, §1; by Ord. 324, 1/20/1988; and by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991)

§110. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars and costs and, in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 132, 8/3/1959, §10; as amended by Ord. 208, 7/6/1971, §2; and by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991)

§111. Outdoor Lighting. Outdoor lighting, if used at or around any pool, shall be installed in such a way as to be shielded and not reflect toward adjacent residential properties. (Ord. 208, 7/6/1971, §2)

§112. Electrical Work to be Certified. All electrical work connected with the pool and all equipment connected thereto shall comply with all underwriters' regulations and with BOCA Electric Codes and must be inspected and certified by an electrical underwriter's inspection agency. (Ord. 208, 7/6/1971, §3)