ORDINANCE NO. 2007-07-44

Reading: July 17, 2007

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE TO ADOPT REGULATIONS REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OF SWIMMING POOLS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs find that from time to time it is necessary to amend sections of the International Property Maintenance Code to correct, clarify, and update the provisions of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is necessary for the protection of the environment and property owners to establish requirements for the discharge of swimming pools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, to accomplish the foregoing, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, pursuant to their authority, do hereby adopt the following Ordinance:

1.

Chapter 3, *General Requirements*, Section 303, *Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs*, of the International Property Maintenance Code, as adopted by the City of Sandy Springs, is hereby amended by the addition of Section 303.3 following Section 303.2, to read as follows:

303.3 Discharge of Swimming Pools. The discharge of water from a swimming pool, regardless of location, size, or use type (public or private), into the environment shall be governed by the following criteria, depending on the type of occurrence:

303.3.1 Major Discharges: the discharge of chlorinated swimming pool water in an amount exceeding that which is necessary for routine back flushing of a filtration system, as a result of normal use or that occurs as a result of overflow caused by precipitation. Quantities exceeding these occurrences shall be required to conform to the following criteria:

- Pool water shall not be discharged directly into any waters of state of Georgia.
- Notice of intent to discharge/drain a swimming pool must be submitted to the City of Sandy Springs at least two (2) weeks in advance of the proposed event.
- Pool water must sit at least two (2) weeks after the last addition of chlorine or until the level of chlorine is below 0.1 mg/l. This is the Reference Dose based on the United States Environmental Protection Agency 2006 Edition of Drinking

Water Standards and Health Advisories. It is an estimate of a daily oral exposure to the human population (including sensitive subgroups) that is likely to be without an appreciable risk of deleterious effects during a lifetime.

- The ph of the water must be between 6.5 and 8.5 before it is discharged (this represents a neutral range for discharge water that is neither acidic nor basic in nature).
- Discharges shall not be allowed to create erosive conditions.
- Discharge the water in a manner that will prevent nuisance conditions (such as creation of odors and mosquito breeding areas).
- Pool water shall not be discharged onto the property of an adjacent homeowner, without notification and unless a dedicated drainage easement exists in the path of discharge.
- Discharges to the environment should be directed over a vegetated surface to allow filtration to occur.
- Pool water shall not be discharged into the sanitary sewer system without prior approval from the local sewer authority (Fulton County Government). Additionally, as a disinfectant, chlorinated pool water is generally not desirable as an additive to a system reliant on microorganisms for effective operation (unless de-chlorinated to the standard listed herein).
- Pool water shall not be discharged directly into the storm sewer system, unless water has been de-chlorinated to a concentration of <0.1 mg/l.

303.3.2 Minor Discharges: the discharge of chlorinated swimming pool water for the purposes of routine maintenance of filtration systems (back-flushing filters), as a result of normal use or as a result of overflow due to precipitation shall meet the following criteria:

- Pool water shall not be discharged directly into any waters of state of Georgia.
- Discharges shall not be allowed to create erosive conditions.
- Discharge the water in a manner that will prevent nuisance conditions (such as creation of odors and mosquito breeding areas).
- Pool water shall not be discharged onto the property of an adjacent homeowner, without notification and unless a dedicated drainage easement exists in the path of discharge.
- Discharges to the environment should be directed over a vegetated surface to allow filtration to occur.
- Pool water shall not be discharged into the sanitary sewer system without prior approval from the local sewer authority (Fulton County Government).
- Pool water shall not be discharged directly into the storm sewer system, unless water has been de-chlorinated to a concentration of <0.1 mg/l.

2.

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or regulations in conflict herewith are repealed.

3.

Severability. Should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

4.

Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Sandy Springs, Georgia and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

5.

This Ordinance is effective July 17, 2007; and

ORDAINED this the 17th day of July, 2007.

Approved:

Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

Christina Rowland, City Clerk
(Seal)