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Citizens asked to observe private pool ordinances

ADA – Warm weather is here and owners of private pools should take steps to meet city ordinances before diving in.

A pool is defined as a swimming pool, spa, or hot tub that is a minimum of 24 inches deep. The following ordinances apply to all private pools within Ada city limits.

- A pool may not be placed in a front yard.
- A pool must be completely enclosed by a permanent wall or fence not less than 4 feet high.
- A pedestrian access gate must open outward (away) from the pool and must be self-closing.
- No portion of the pool, equipment, walkway, or other facilities related thereto shall be located closer than 10 feet to the side or rear lot line.

If a city inspector discovers a violation, he will issue a notice for compliance. The pool in violation must be drained immediately for safety reasons, with no exceptions. The violator will then have two weeks from the date of the notice to meet code. If code isn't met, the violation may result in as much as a \$500 fine plus court costs.

For more information, contact the City of Ada Inspection Department at 436-8150.

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