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Pool and Spa Safety Covers

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

The Walnut Creek Municipal Code has specific requirements for enclosing swimming pools, hot tubs and spas against unauthorized entry.

DISCUSSION

Approved safety covers which comply with ASTM Standard F 1346-91 currently are available. New regulations, in the form of a model ordinance, have been developed by the State Department of Housing and Community Development in cooperation with drowning prevention advocates, industry and building officials. These regulations accept ASTM approved safety covers for spas and swimming pools in lieu of other barriers specified in the regulations.

ACTION

Based on the above information, the following will be considered acceptable protection for pools, spas and hot tubs:

SPAS AND HOT TUBS. A spa or hot tub with an ASTM approved locking safety cover shall not be required to provide other barriers or protection and will be considered as complying with the City's enclosure requirements.

POOLS: Pools with an ASTM approved electrically operated or manual tracking safety cover shall not be required to provide door alarms, nor meet the outward swinging gate requirements of the City's enclosure requirements. The control for electric pool covers shall be mounted at least 54 inches above grade. The other requirements in the City's enclosure ordinance are still required.