

ORDINANCE NO. 779

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE GOLDEN REVISED
ORDINANCES AND REQUIRING PROTECTIVE DEVICES FOR SWIM-
MING POOLS IN THE CITY OF GOLDEN

WHEREAS, the unrestricted access to swimming pools may cause a hazard to small children and other citizens of the City of Golden; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary in the interest of public health, safety and welfare to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health and property by regulating access to said swimming pools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. Chapter 18.38 Swimming Pool Fence Regulations is added to the Golden Revised Ordinances of 1965, as amended, as follows:

18.38 Swimming Pool Fence Regulations

18.38.010 Enclosure of swimming pool. Every outdoor swimming pool or family pool, either above ground, semi-sunk, or full depth recessed, being 18 inches or more in depth at any point, shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall sufficient to make such swimming pool inaccessible to small children. Such fence or wall including gates therein, must be not less than four feet above the underlying ground, and shall be so constructed as to not have openings, holes or gaps larger than four inches in any dimension. A dwelling house or accessory building may be used as a part of such enclosure.

18.38.020 Gates and Latches. All gates or doors opening through such enclosure shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device, located on the pool side of such gate or door, and which is so guarded that unlatching cannot be accomplished by a small child from the exterior side of the gate. Such door or gate shall be closed and latched at all times when the pool is not in actual use.

18.38.030 Compliance. No person in possession of land within the City, either as owner, purchaser, lessee, tenant or a licensee, upon which is situate a swimming pool or family pool being 18 inches or more in depth at any point shall fail to provide and maintain such fence or wall as herein provided. All persons maintaining pools subject to the provisions of this ordinance shall comply with said provisions within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this ordinance or shall cause such pool to be drained until compliance can be accomplished or Board of Adjustment approval has been obtained.

18.38.040 Modifications. The Board of Adjustment, acting on an appeal as provided by ordinance, may make slight modifications, for good cause shown in individual cases, with respect to the height and openings of the fence or the nature or position of the latch. The Board of Adjustment may permit other protective devices or

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Introduced, read and ordered published this 23rd day of June, 1977.

Adopted, approved and ordered published this 14th day of July, 1977.

David C. Crawford, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon L. Bennetts, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Russell J. Sindt, City Attorney

I, Sharon L. Bennetts, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and read at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 23rd day of June, 1977, and by order of said City Council was published as a proposed ordinance as the law directs, and for more than seven days prior to its passage in the Golden Daily Transcript, legal newspaper; and that on the 14th day of July, 1977, the said proposed ordinance was read and passed by the City Council aforesaid, the said meeting being a regular meeting of said City Council, and ordered published in aforesaid newspaper as the law directs.

Witness my hand and official seal of the City of Golden, Colorado, this 19th day of July A.D., 1977.

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Attest:

Sharon L. Bennetts, City Clerk of the
City of Golden, Colorado