

Overview for New Pool / Spa Regulations

This is just a quick overview of the new pool and spa regulations that are being updated November 2, 2020. If you would like to read the full change please click on COMAR 10.17.01 link to see it incorporated into the current code.

.05 Definitions

- Changes verbiage and punctuation
- Defines “Critical Violation” which requires immediate correction or a facility closure
- Defines “Major Violation” which require correction of the violation within a 24 hour period or the facility must close
- Defines “Full Compliance Inspection”
- Defines “Hand Feeding”

.06 Construction and Alteration Permits

- Changes verbiage and punctuation
- Changes requirements for plan submittal
- Creates a timeline for inspections and approvals

.06-1 Replacements

- New section of the code
- Requires plan submittal within 10 days of a replacement
- Creates a timeline for inspections and approvals

.07 Repairs

- New section of the code
- Allows for repairs without permits or inspections

.08 Approval After Construction or Alteration

- Changes verbiage and punctuation

.09 Permits for Operation

- Changes verbiage and punctuation
- Requires a full compliance inspection for permit approval
- Hearing rights changed from 30 days to 10 days

.10 Suspension or Revocation of an Operating Permit

- Changes verbiage and punctuation
- Adds critical violations and major violations to the summary suspension
- Changes the requirements and penalties for a permit revocation
 - Creates a 6 month waiting period if your permit is revoked

.11 Inspections and Rights of Entry

- Creates inspection requirements
 - Full compliance inspection at least once every 12 months
 - Routine inspection timeline based on the violations found and their severity

.25 Circulation Systems

- Creates a new section
 - If the flow rate is 10% higher or lower it requires new recording procedures by the operator

.28 Suction Entrapment Prevention

- Changes verbiage and punctuation

.43 Pool and Spa operation

- Changes the amount of time that an operator has to respond to a facility

.55 Standardization and Audits of Local Health Departments

- New section of the code
- Requires the state to standardize and audit local health departments