



**2022 CITY OF SCOTTSDALE AMENDMENTS  
TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE,  
2021 EDITION**

**Ordinance No. 4550, Resolution No. 12507**

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**SCOTTSDALE REVISED CODE**

**CHAPTER 31 – BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS**

**ARTICLE XIII. INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE**

**Sec. 31-175. Adoption of International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.**

The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC), 2021 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., declared a public record by city Resolution No. 12507, is adopted by reference as part of the city Building Code.

**Sec. 31-176. ISPSC CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION - amendments.**

*Only the following portions of CHAPTER 1, SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION, are amended:*

(a) *Section 101.1, Title, is amended as follows:*

**101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the "Swimming Pool and Spa Code" of the City of Scottsdale, hereinafter referred to as "this code."

(b) *To the extent that Chapter 1 of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2021 Edition, conflicts with the city amendments to Chapter 1 of the International Building Code, 2021 Edition, the amendments to the International Building Code prevail.*

(c) *Section 101.2, Scope, is amended to read as follows with Section 101.2.1 remaining the same:*

**101.2 Scope.** The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, renovation, replacement, repair and maintenance of pools and spas. The pools and spas covered by this code are either permanent or temporary and shall be only those that are designed and manufactured to be connected to a circulation system and that are intended for swimming, bathing or wading.

(d) *A new Section 101.5, Safety notification, is added as follows:*

**101.5 Safety notification.** Any person, firm or corporation, on entering into an agreement to sell or rent a dwelling with access to any swimming pool, spa or hot tub, shall give the buyer or renter written notice explaining pool, spa or hot tub safety and the responsibilities of pool, spa and hot tub use and ownership. Failure to provide this notice shall be enforced in accordance with Chapter 31, Article XII of the Scottsdale Revised Code.

**Sec. 31-177. ISPSC CHAPTER 3 GENERAL COMPLIANCE - amendments.**

*Only the following portions of CHAPTER 3, GENERAL COMPLIANCE, are amended:*

(a) *Section 301.1, Scope, is amended to read as follows:*

**301.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the general design and construction of *residential* pools and spas and related piping, equipment, and materials. Provisions that are unique to a specific type of pool or spa are located in Chapters 4 through 10.

**301.1.1 Application of Chapters 4 through 10.** Where differences occur between the provisions of this chapter and the provisions of Chapters 4 through 10, the provisions of Chapters 4 through 10 shall apply.

(b) *Section 305.1.1, Construction fencing required, is amended to read as follows:*

**305.1.1 Construction fencing required.** The construction sites for in-ground swimming pools and spas shall be provided with construction fencing to surround the site from the time that any excavation occurs up to the time that the permanent barrier is completed. The fencing shall be not less than 60 inches (1524 mm) in height.

(c) *New Sections 305.1.2, 305.1.3 and 305.1.4 are added to read as follows:*

**305.1.2 Barrier requirements notification.** Before constructing a new swimming pool, spa or hot tub, the pool contractor shall give the pool owner written notice of the barrier requirements in Section 305.2 through 305.7. Failure to provide this notice shall be enforced in accordance with Chapter 31, Article XII of the Scottsdale Revised Code.

**305.1.3 Maintenance of barrier.** The owner and person, firm or corporation in possession of a swimming pool, spa or hot tub, shall keep the required barrier(s), including all gates, fencing, doors, locks, alarms, and latches in safe and good working order at all times. No person shall alter or remove any portion of a swimming pool barrier except to repair, reconstruct, or replace the barrier in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Any barrier removed shall be promptly replaced.

**305.1.4 Public nuisance.** Any swimming pool, spa or hot tub safety barrier(s) not maintained to the minimum requirements by the code under which the barrier(s) was installed is hereby declared to be unsafe and a public nuisance. In addition to enforcement under this chapter, violations of this section may be enforced in accordance with Chapter 18 of the Scottsdale Revised Code.

(d) *Section 305.2.1, Barrier height and clearances, subsection 1 is amended to read as follows:*

1. The top of the barrier shall be not less than 60 inches (1524 mm) above grade where measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the pool or spa. Such height shall exist around the entire perimeter of the barrier and for a distance of 3 feet (914 mm) measured horizontally from the outside of the required barrier.

(e) *Section 305.4, Structure wall as a barrier, subsection 1 is amended to read as follows:*

1. Operable windows having a sill height of less than 48 inches (1219 mm) above the indoor finished floor, doors and gates shall have an alarm that produces an audible warning when the window, door or their screens are opened. The alarm shall be *listed* and labeled as a water hazard entrance alarm in accordance with UL 2017. The alarm shall:
  - a. Activate within 7 seconds and sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds.
  - b. Be heard throughout the house during normal household activities with a sound pressure level of not less than 85 dba when measured indoors at 10 feet (3.048mm).
  - c. Reset automatically under all conditions.
  - d. Repeat a, b and c above until the door, window and/or its screen, if present, are closed.
  - e. Be equipped with a manual means, such as touchpad or switch located 54 inches (1,372 mm) or more above the threshold of the door, to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such deactivation shall last for not more than 15

seconds. Doors that remain open after 15 seconds shall activate the alarm as outlined in a through d above.

- f. Not be equipped with an on/off switch of any type other than the temporary deactivation switch.

**Sec. 31-178. ISPSC CHAPTER 4 PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS.**

*CHAPTER 4, PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS, is deleted in its entirety.*

**Sec. 31-179. ISPSC CHAPTER 5 PUBLIC SPAS AND PUBLIC EXERCISE SPAS.**

*CHAPTER 5, PUBLIC SPAS AND PUBLIC EXERCISE SPAS, is deleted in its entirety.*

**Sec. 31-180. ISPSC CHAPTER 6 AQUATIC RECREATION FACILITIES.**

*CHAPTER 6, AQUATIC RECREATION FACILITIES, is deleted in its entirety.*

**Sections 31-181 to 31-186: Reserved**