



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

ZOA-2018-02 (Community Swimming Pools)

Adopted October 23, 2018

At the County Board recessed meeting on October 23, 2018, on a motion duly made by County Board member John Vihstadt and seconded by County Board member Libby Garvey, the Arlington County Board unanimously adopted the following ordinance, effective immediately, to amend, reenact and recodify §4.1.2 and §12.4.8 of the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance to authorize the County Board to modify fencing, coverage, and placement standards for community swimming pools by use permit, to make other editorial changes to correct references and improve clarity, and for other reasons required by public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice.

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Approved amendments are shown with **bold underline** to denote new text, and **~~bold strikethrough~~** to denote deleted text.

Where paragraphs are added or deleted, all subsequent paragraphs are renumbered accordingly, and all references throughout the Ordinance are updated accordingly.

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Article 4. Public (P) Districts

§4.1. Public (P) Districts Use Tables

§4.1.2 Public (P) districts principal use table

Table §4.1.2 lists the principal uses allowed within the P districts.

G. Use Categories

All of the use categories listed in the table below are described in §12.2. The first column of the use table lists the sub-categories. The second column of the use table lists the specific use types included within the respective sub-categories.

PUBLIC (P) DISTRICTS PRINCIPAL USE TABLE					
Use Category	Specific Use Types	S-3A	S-D	P-S	Use Standards
KEY: P = allowed by-right; U = requires use permit approval; S = requires site plan approval; Blank cell = not permitted					
Public, Civic and Institutional Use Categories (§12.2.4)					
Community Service (See §12.2.4.B)	Swimming pools, community	P U		P U	0

§12.4 Public and Civic Use Standards

§12.4.8 Swimming pools, community, semi-public and commercial

All community, semi-public, and commercial swimming pools shall comply with the following requirements:

A. Fencing

~~Notwithstanding the maximum fence height requirements specified in §3.2.6.A.3.e, the~~ fencing or protection shall be ~~as specified by the Arlington County Swimming Pool Codes,~~ ~~but~~ no less than six feet in height.

B. Lighting

Where lighting is provided, all lights shall be arranged and hooded as to confine all direct light rays entirely within the boundary lines of the swimming pool property.

C. Location

No pool facility, building, structure, concession or other recreational use or space, except parking areas, shall be permitted in any required setback or yard area nor shall any such facility be permitted closer than 100 feet to the center line of any street in an R district or abutting property line in an R district. ~~Community pool parking areas shall not be located closer to the front street line or front site boundary than the building line established in the district in which the site is located.~~

1. Community swimming pool parking areas shall not be located closer to the front street line or front site boundary than the building line established in the district in which the site is located.

D. Refreshments

Refreshments shall be allowed only as an incidental part of a swimming pool development and shall be operated solely for convenience. Refreshments shall be available only during the hours and the season when the pool is open for operation. ~~No advertising signs shall be permitted.~~

E. Modification of use standards for community swimming pools

1. For community swimming pools as defined in §18.2, the County Board may, through Use Permit approval pursuant to §15.4, modify the applicable regulations for fencing, coverage, and placement, including the location requirements specified in §12.4.8.C. Such modifications may be approved when the County Board finds that the modification will appropriately balance the impacts of the structures, facilities, and other on-site features of the community swimming pool with the general welfare of the public and the interests of the immediately surrounding neighborhoods in accordance with §15.4.3, subject to such conditions as the County Board may deem appropriate such as, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) limiting the impacts of the community swimming pool's structures, buildings, gathering spaces, and open spaces on surrounding residential neighborhoods through a combination of landscaping, fencing, open space, or other buffering

alternatives; and

(b) limiting the operating hours of the community swimming pool to reduce impacts on surrounding residential neighborhoods.

F. Private swimming pools shall be subject to the requirements listed in §12.9.17.

~~(See also §12.8.2.M, private swimming pools)~~