

ARTICLE VIII

BATHING FACILITIES AND CHILDREN'S CAMPS

8.1.0 - Declaration Of Policy

It is hereby declared to be the health policy of the Rockland Health District to assure that the owners and operators of bathing facilities and children's camps operate their premises in such a manner as to avoid imminent health hazards.

Subpart 6-1 (Swimming Pools) and Subpart 6-2 (Bathing Beaches) of the New York State Sanitary Code are adopted by reference, as enacted and now or subsequently amended, in its application to Rockland County, with the same force and effect as though fully incorporated herein and set forth at length.

It is also declared to be the health policy of the Rockland Health District to protect the public health and safety of the occupants of children's camps against public health hazards, and other conditions unhealthful or unsanitary to the operation and maintenance of such camps, and to promulgate those rules and regulations necessary to avoid imminent health hazards.

Lastly, Subpart 7-2 of the New York State Sanitary Code is hereby adopted in its application to Rockland County by reference, as enacted and now or subsequently amended with the same force and effect as though fully incorporated herein and set forth at length.

8.2.0 - Definition

8.2.1 Bathing Facility

The term "**Bathing Facility**" shall mean any swimming pool, bathing beach, wading pool, spa pool, white water slide, wave pool, special purpose pool, other aquatic amusement or movable bottom pool as those terms are defined in Part 6 of the New York State Sanitary Code.

8.2.2 Children's Overnight Camp

The term "**Children's Overnight Camp**" shall mean a property consisting of a tract of land and any tents, vehicles, buildings or other structures that may be pertinent to its use, any part of which may be occupied by persons under 18 years of age for the purpose of outdoor or indoor organized activities, and on which provisions are made for overnight occupancy of children.

8.2.3 Family (*Added 7/18/12.)

The term "**family**" shall mean one (1) adult owner and one or more persons who are legally related by blood, marriage, adoption, or domestic partner and shall include a domestic partner, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, half-brother, half-sister, step-brother, step-sister, niece or nephew and no other relation by blood or marriage.

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8.2.4 **Friend** (*Added 7/18/12.)

The term "**friend**" shall mean one or more persons who are invited individually and personally to a bathing facility by any family member for a limited date and period of time. It shall not include any person or group or persons required to pay either directly, by contribution or in-kind to use the bathing facility.

8.2.5 **Qualified Lifeguard**

The term "**Qualified Lifeguard**" shall mean a person, at least 16 years of age, possessing the aquatic supervisory skill requirements of the appropriate Supervision Level as required by Subparts 6-1 and 6-2 of the New York State Sanitary Code.

8.2.6 **Summer Day Camp**

The term "**Summer Day Camp**" shall mean property consisting of a tract of land and any tents, vehicles, buildings, or other structures that may be pertinent to its use, any part of which may be occupied on a scheduled basis at any time between June 1 and September 15 in any year by children under 16 years of age, under general supervision, primarily for the purpose of outdoor organized group activities for a period of less than 24 hours on any day the property is so occupied, and/or which no provisions are made for overnight occupancy by such children.

8.2.7 **Traveling Summer Day Camp**

The term "**Traveling Summer Day Camp**" shall mean a summer day camp which regularly operates in a period between May 15 and September 15, and which regularly transports children under 16 years of age on a regular schedule to a facility, site or property including any tract of land, beach, park, stadium, building, tents or other structures pertinent to its use, and primarily for the purpose of organized group activity.

8.3.0 - Use of Liquid Chlorine

When liquid chlorine is used to disinfect the swimming area of a bathing facility, the following precautions shall be adhered to, to insure public safety.

8.3.1 An electrical interlock system shall exist between the recirculating pump and the chemical feed pump. When the recirculating pump is not operating, the chemical feed pumps shall automatically lose power and be unable to operate.

8.3.2 The recirculating pump shall be connected to an approved warning signal. Such device shall be automatically activated when the recirculating pump is not in operation. The bathing facility shall be evacuated when the recirculating pump is not operating.

8.3.2.1 The warning signal shall continue to operate until the recirculating pump is in operation.

8.3.2.2 The warning signal shall be located such that it is visible and/or audible to the responsible person.

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- 8.3.3 The operating procedures for chemical receiving, handling and use shall be submitted as part of the safety plan as required by Part 6-1.23(c). These procedures shall also describe the locations of the nearest water source, protective equipment and warning signs.

8.4.0 - Secondary Containment

All facilities storing liquid chemicals in containers larger than 55 gallons must provide secondary containment capable of holding 110% of the quantity stored.

8.5.0 - Lifeguard Requirements

- 8.5.1 The qualified lifeguard at a bathing beach shall possess the aquatic supervisory skill requirements of Supervision Level IIb, as specified by Section 6-2.20 of the New York State Sanitary Code.
- 8.5.2 The qualified lifeguard at a swimming pool, bathing beach, white water slide, or other aquatic amusement, shall possess the aquatic supervisory skill requirements of Supervision Level IIa, or IIb as specified by Section 6 1.31 of the New York State Sanitary Code.
- 8.5.3 The qualified lifeguard at a spa pool or wading pool, shall possess the aquatic supervisory skill requirements of Supervision Level III as specified by Section 6-1.31 of the New York State Sanitary Code.

8.6.0 - Permit

- 8.6.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bathing facility or children's camp in Rockland County unless such person possess a valid permit to operate a bathing facility or children's camp issued by the Commissioner, pursuant to this Article.
- 8.6.2 Only persons who comply with Subparts 6-1, 6-2 and Subpart 7-2 of the New York State Sanitary Code shall be entitled to receive and retain such permit.
- 8.6.3 The permit will be issued annually, and will expire one year from the date of issuance, except as otherwise stipulated on the permit.
- 8.6.4 Application shall be made, at least 30 days before the first day of intended operation, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner.
- 8.6.5 Application for renewal of permits shall be made at least 30 days prior to expiration of the current permit on a form prescribed by the Commissioner.
- 8.6.6 A permit may be suspended by the Commissioner without notice upon violation by the permit holder of any of the requirements of the New York State and Rockland County Sanitary Codes, or when in his opinion there exists an imminent hazard to public health.

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8.6.7 A permit may be revoked after notice and an opportunity for a hearing has been provided by the Commissioner upon serious, repeated or persistent violations of this Code or Subparts 6-1, 6-2 and Subpart 7-2 of the New York State Sanitary Code.

8.7.0 - Pool Waste Water

No bathing facility or children's camp shall discharge pool waste water into anything other than an approved sewage system without prior written approval of the Commissioner, unless such meets the requirements of Article 3.7.1 of the Rockland County Sanitary Code.

8.8.0 - Fees

A fee will be charged for each bathing facility or children's camp for which a permit is issued. This fee shall be paid by cash, check or money order made payable to the Commissioner of Finance of Rockland County. Payment shall accompany the application for the permit.

8.9.0 - Effective Date (*Added 7/18/12.)

This Sanitary Code shall be effective as of August 20, 1997. Added to July 18, 2012.