

ORDINANCE NO. 5321

AN ORDINANCE to amend section 103-109(c)(6) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to update code language regarding pool covers.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 103-109(c)(6) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(6) All outdoor swimming pools and any adjacent pool-associated paved areas shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall at least 48 inches high of such construction as will make access difficult. Access shall be through self-closing and latching gates at the shallow end of the pool. The latch shall be as high on the gate as possible to prevent the entrance of children. The water enclosing wall of an above ground pool may be considered as the required wall of fence if such wall is the required four feet in height and so designed as to make climbing difficult. Ladders may be used for entry to aboveground pools when adequately safeguarded to prevent unauthorized entry. The wall of building may be accepted as a part of the required fence when found by the Fire Department - Division of Fire Prevention and Building Safety to provide a sufficient degree of protection.

a. Exceptions

1. Swimming pools with a powered safety cover that complies with ASTM F 1346.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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Mitch Reynolds, Mayor

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Nikki M. Elsen, City Clerk

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