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**Permit No.:_____**

## ANTI-ENTRAPMENT CERTIFICATION FORM
### FOR SWIMMING POOLS & SPAS

**The following form is required whenever a building permit is issued to construct or repair a swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa.**

# STATEMENT TO BE SIGNED PRIOR TO FINAL INSPECTION

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**Verification of Compliance with the "Swimming Pool Safety Act of 2006"**
**(Health & Safety Code 115920-115929)**

Project Address: _____, Chico, CA

Property Owner: _____Phone: _____

I hereby certify that the swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa located at the above-mentioned address complies with the provisions or the "Swimming Pool Safety Act of 2006" and has been equipped with an **anti-entrapment cover meeting the current ASME/ANSI Standard A 112.19.8 as required under the provisions of the law.**

Signed,

_____ _____
Property Owner Date

_____ _____
Contractor Date

**Contractor information (if applicable):**

Name: _____ License No._____

Address: _____ Phone No._____

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# Swimming Pool Enclosure Requirements for the City of Chico, CA

## Definitions

**Approved Safety Pool Cover**: A manual or power-operated safety pool cover that meets all of the performance standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), in compliance with standard F1346-91.

**Enclosure**: A fence, wall or combination thereof that isolates a swimming pool from unauthorized access.

**Exit Alarm**: A listed device in accordance with UL 2017 that makes an audible, continuous alarm sound on the doors leading from the dwelling/garage or other structure to the pool enclosure, which, when opened or left ajar, permits entry to the pool without any intervening enclosure device. Exit alarms may be battery operated or connected to the electrical wiring of the building.

**Public Swimming Pool**: A swimming pool operated for the use of the general public with or without charge, or for the use of the members and guests of a private club, apartments or condominiums. Public swimming pool does not include a swimming pool located on the grounds of a private single family dwelling.

**Swimming Pool or Pool**: Any structure intended for swimming, recreational bathing or other recreational use that will contain water over 18 inches in depth. Swimming pools include in-ground and above-ground structures and include, but are not limited to, hot tubs, spas, portable spas and non-portable wading pools.

Other terms, words, or phrases not defined shall have their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context with which they are used. *Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged*, copyright 1986, shall be considered as providing ordinarily accepted meanings.

## Pool Enclosure Requirements

16R.02.020 Chico Municipal Code: Every swimming pool which has a depth of 18 inches or more shall be enclosed by a fence or other structure which is at least five feet in height, cannot be readily climbed, and is equipped with gates which are self closing and self latching, or a door with a latch located at least four feet above floor level. (Council Resolution No. 65 95-96).

***An outdoor swimming pool shall be provided with an enclosure installed, inspected and approved prior to plastering or filling of the pool with water.*** The enclosure shall comply with the following:

1. The top of the enclosure shall be a minimum of five feet in height, measured from the grade outside of the enclosure. The maximum distance from dirt to the bottom of the enclosure shall be two inches, and from paved surfaces shall be a maximum of four inches. When the enclosure has horizontal members, these members shall be spaced a minimum of 45 inches apart. Any design or decorative work on the enclosure that may create a ladder or steps is prohibited, or shall be placed on the pool side of the enclosure. In lieu of a site-constructed enclosure, the pool may incorporate a mesh pool fencing that meets American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Specifications F 2286 standards in conjunction with a gate that is self-closing and self-latching and can accommodate a key lockable device.

2. Openings in the enclosure shall not allow passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere. When vertical, or a combination of vertical and horizontal members, are used for the enclosure and the spacing between the horizontal members is more than 45 inches, the opening shall not allow the passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere.

3. Chain link fencing shall be minimum 11 gauge.

4. Pedestrian access gates shall comply with items 1 through 3 above. All pedestrian access gates into the pool enclosure shall have devices for self closing and self latching and swing away from the pool. Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches above finish grade, (1) the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the barrier at least 3 inches below the top of the gate, and (2) the gate and barrier shall have no opening greater than ½ inch within 18 inches of the release mechanism. All other gates, other than pedestrian gates, shall be equipped with lockable hardware or padlocks and shall remained locked at all times when not in use.

5. In addition to items 1 through 4 above, if the walls of a dwelling/garage or other structure is used as part of the enclosure, and contains doors providing direct access to the pool, at least one of the following shall be provided:

   A) The pool or spa shall be equipped with an approved **safety** pool or spa cover that meets all requirements of the ASTM Specifications F 1346.

   B) Installation of an exit alarm on all doors with direct access to the pool enclosure. The alarm shall sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds, within seven seconds after the door has been opened. The alarm shall be capable of providing a sound pressure level of not less than 85 dBA when measured indoors at 10 feet from the alarm. The alarm shall automatically reset under all conditions. The alarm shall be equipped with a manual means to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such deactivation shall last no longer than 15 seconds, and the switch shall be located a minimum of 54 inches above the threshold of the door.

C) Swimming pool alarms that, when placed in pools, will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. These pool alarms shall meet and be independently certified to the ASTM Standard F 2208 "Standards Specification for Pool Alarms" which includes surface motion, pressure, sonar, laser, and infrared type alarms. For purposes of this article, "swimming pool alarms" shall not include swimming protection alarm devices designed for individual use, such as an alarm attached to a child that sounds when the child exceeds a certain distance or becomes submerged in water.

6. Where an above-ground pool structure is used as a barrier or when the barrier is installed on top of the pool structure and means of access is the use of a ladder or steps, then the ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access to the pool, or a barrier shall be installed around the ladder and shall meet the requirements of items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

7. Other means of protection, if the degree of protection afforded is equal to or greater than that afforded by any of the devices set forth above, and have been independently verified by an approved testing laboratory by the ASTM or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), may be approved by the Building Official of the City of Chico, CA.