

Local amendment for barrier height requirements around swimming pools, spas and hot tubs

Appendix G of the 2000 IRC was adopted by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners on July 5, 2005 to include an amendment to the barrier height as specified below.

Local Amendment to IRC - Appendix G – Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs

Excerpts from the 2006 IRC – Appendix G Section AG 105 Barrier Requirements

Section AG 102 Definitions

Swimming Pool – Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

AG 105.1 Application The provisions of this chapter shall control the design of barriers for residential swimming pools, spas and hot tubs. These design controls are intended to provide protection against potential drownings and near-drownings by restricting access to swimming pools, spas and hot tubs.

AG 105.2 Outdoor swimming pool: An outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, above-ground or on-ground pool, hot tub or spa shall be surrounded by a barrier which shall comply with the following:

1. The top of the barrier shall be at least **60” (local amendment)** above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, such as an above-ground pool, the barrier may be at ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted on top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches.

Remainder of Appendix G unchanged.

This amendment to require a 60” or 5 foot barrier is consistent with the requirements of Chapter 5, Section 5-6-2 of the Cherokee County Zoning Ordinance.

A copy of this amendment is on file with the Department of Community Affairs.