

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**City of Mansfield  
Amendments to the  
2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code  
North Central Texas Council of Governments Region**

The following sections, paragraphs, and sentences of the *2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC)* are hereby amended as follows: Standard type is text from the *ISPSC*. Underlined type is text inserted. ~~Strikeouts~~ indicate existing words and phrases to be deleted from the *ISPSC*. A triple asterisk (\*\*\*) identifies a new or revised amendment with the 2018 ISPSC code.

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\*\*\**Section 101.1; change to read as follows:*

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the *Swimming Pool and Spa Code* of the City of Mansfield hereinafter referred to as "this code."

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\*\*\**Section 102.9; change to read as follows:*

102.9 Other laws. The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law, to include but not limited to:

1. Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS); Standards for Public Pools and Spas;  
§285.181 through §285.208, (TDSHS rules do not apply to pools serving one- and two family dwellings or townhouses).
2. Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR); 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS), TAS provide the scoping and technical requirements for accessibility for Swimming Pool, wading pools and spas and shall comply with 2012 TAS, Section 242. (TAS rules do not apply to pools serving one- and two family dwellings or townhouses).

**Exception:** Elements regulated under Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) and built in accordance with TDLR approved plans, including any variances or waivers granted by the TDLR, shall be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this Chapter.

*(Reason: To clarify specific Texas statutes which regulate public pools and spas.)*

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\*\*\**Section 103.1; change to read as follows:*

103.1 Creation of enforcement agency. The Department of Building Safety is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the code official. The Tarrant County Health Department is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the code official for operation and maintenance of any public swimming pool in accordance with this code, local and state law.

*(Reason: To specify the entity that enforces the operation and maintenance of public swimming pools.)*

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\*\*\**Section 105.6.2; change to read as follows:*

105.6.2 Fee schedule. The fees for work shall be as indicated in the City of Mansfield permit fee schedule.

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\*\*\*Section 105.6.3; change #2 and #3 to read as follows:

105.6.3 Fee refunds. The code official shall authorize the refunding of fees as follows.

1. The full amount of any fee paid hereunder which was erroneously paid or collected.
2. Not more than 80 percent (80%) of the permit fee paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with this code.

The code official shall not authorize the refunding of any fee paid, except upon written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of fee payment.

*(Reason: The need to establish an amount for fee refunds.)*

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\*\*\*Add Section 105.6.4 to read as follows:

105.6.4 Reinspection fees. A reinspection fee may be assessed at the inspector's discretion for each inspection when:

1. The inspection called for is not ready when the inspector arrives;
2. No building address or permit card is clearly posted;
3. Such portion of work for which inspection is called is not complete or when corrections called for are not made;
4. City approved plans are not on the job site available to the inspector;
5. Any work concealed without first obtaining the required inspection(s);
6. The building is locked or work otherwise not available for inspection when called;
7. The job site is red-tagged twice for the same item;
8. The original red tag has been removed from the job site.
9. Failure to maintain erosion control, trash control or tree protection.

In instances where reinspection fees have been assessed, no additional inspection of the work will be performed until the required fees have been paid. Reinspection fees shall be in accordance with the City of Mansfield building permit fee schedule.

*(Reason: This fee is not a fine or penalty but is designed to compensate for time and trips when inspections are called for when not ready.)*

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\*\*\*Section 107.4; change to read as follows:

107.4 Violation penalties. Any person who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair a pool or spa in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), ~~or by imprisonment not exceeding [number of days], or both such fine and imprisonment.~~ Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

*(Reason: To specify the type of offense and dollar amount of fine.)*

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\*\*\*Section 107.5; change to read as follows:

107.5 Stop work orders. Upon notice from the code official, work on any system that is being performed contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner shall immediately

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cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's authorized agent, or to the person performing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not less than [AMOUNT] dollars or more than [AMOUNT] dollars as specified in Section 107.4.

*(Reason: To specify the dollar amount of fine.)*

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*\*\*\*Section 202; DEFINITIONS; insert definition; change to read as follows:*

Tarrant County Health Department. Regulates the operation of public pools. Routine inspections on pools and spas open to the public are conducted to document compliance with the standards set forth in State law.

*(Reason: The operation of public pools is enforced through the Tarrant County Health Department procedures.)*

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*\*\*\*Section 305; change to read as follows:*

305.1 General. The provisions of this section shall apply to the design of barriers for restricting entry into areas having pools and spas. In one-and two-family dwellings and townhouses, where spas or hot tubs are equipped with a lockable safety cover complying with ASTM F1346 and swimming pools are equipped with a powered safety cover that complies with ASTM F1346, the areas where those spas, hot tubs or pools are located shall not be required to comply with Sections 305.2 through 305.7.

*(Reason: To clarify requirements for dwellings and commercial properties and specific Texas statutes which regulate public pools and spas.)*

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*\*\*\*Section 305.2; change to read as follows:*

305.2 Outdoor swimming pools and spas. Outdoor pools and spas and indoor swimming pools shall be surrounded by a barrier that complies with Sections 305.2.1 through 305.7 and in accordance with the Texas Administrative Code, Texas Health and Safety Code 757 for public pools.

*(Reason: To clarify specific Texas statutes which regulate public pools and spas.)*

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*\*\*\*Add subsection 305.2.7.1; to read as follows:*

305.2.7.1 Chain link fencing prohibited. Chain link fencing is not permitted as a barrier in public pools built after January 1, 1994.

*(Reason: To clarify specific Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 757.003 (f).)*

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*\*\*\*Section 305.4; change to read as follows:*

305.4 Structure wall as a barrier. ~~Where a wall of a dwelling or structure of a one and two family dwelling or townhouse or its accessory structure serves~~ as part of a barrier and where doors or windows provide direct access to the pool or spa through that wall, one of the following shall be required:

1. Remainder Unchanged
2. Remainder Unchanged
3. Remainder Unchanged

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The wall of a building with windows in accordance with 2018 International Building Code, Section 1030 in Group R2 occupancies shall not be used as part of pool enclosure. Other windows that are part of a pool yard enclosure shall be permanently closed and unable to be opened for public pools.

*(Reason: To clarify specific Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 757.007 and 2018 IBC, Section 1030.)*

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*\*\*\*Section 305.6; change to read as follows:*

305.6 Natural barriers used in a one and two family dwelling or townhouse. In the case where the pool or spa area abuts the edge of a lake or other natural body of water, public access is not permitted or allowed along the shoreline, and required barriers extend to and beyond the water's edge a minimum of eighteen (18) inches (457 mm), a barrier is not required between the natural body of water shoreline and the pool or spa.

*(Reason: Specific Texas statutes do not allow the use of natural barriers in lieu of fencing for public pools per Chapter 757.003.)*

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*\*\*\*Section 307.1.4 Accessibility; add exception to Section 307.1.4 to read as follows:*

**Exception:** Components of projects regulated by and registered with Architectural Barriers Division of Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

*(Reason: To accommodate buildings regulated under state law. Further clarified to mean Components that are specifically addressed by TDLR shall be exempt.)*

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*\*\*\*Section 310.1; change to read as follows:*

310.1 General. Suction entrapment avoidance for pools and spas shall be provided in accordance with APSP 7 or for public swimming pools in accordance with State of Texas Rules for Public Swimming Pools and Spas, Title 25 TAC Chapter 265 Subchapter L, Rule §265.190.

**Exceptions:**

1. Portable spas and portable exercise spas *listed and labeled* in accordance with UL 1563 or CSA C22.2 No. 218.1.
2. Suction entrapment avoidance for wading pools shall be provided in accordance with Section 405.

*(Reason: To clarify specific Texas statutes which regulate public pools and spas.)*

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*\*\*\*Section 313.7; change to read as follows:*

313.7 Emergency shutoff switch for spas and hot tubs. ~~An emergency shutoff switch shall be provided to disconnect all power to recirculation and jet system pumps and air blowers. Emergency shutoff switches shall be: provided with access; located within sight of pools and spas and located not less than 5 feet (5') horizontally from the inside walls of the pool or spa. A clearly labeled emergency shutoff or control switch for the purpose of stopping the motor(s) that provide power to the recirculation system and jet system shall be installed at a point readily accessible to the users and not less than 1.5 m (5 ft.) away, adjacent to, and within sight of the spa or hot tub. This requirement shall not apply to one and two family dwellings and townhouses.~~

**Exception:** Onground storable and permanent inground residential swimming pools.

*(Reason: Language is from 2017 NEC Article 680.41.)*

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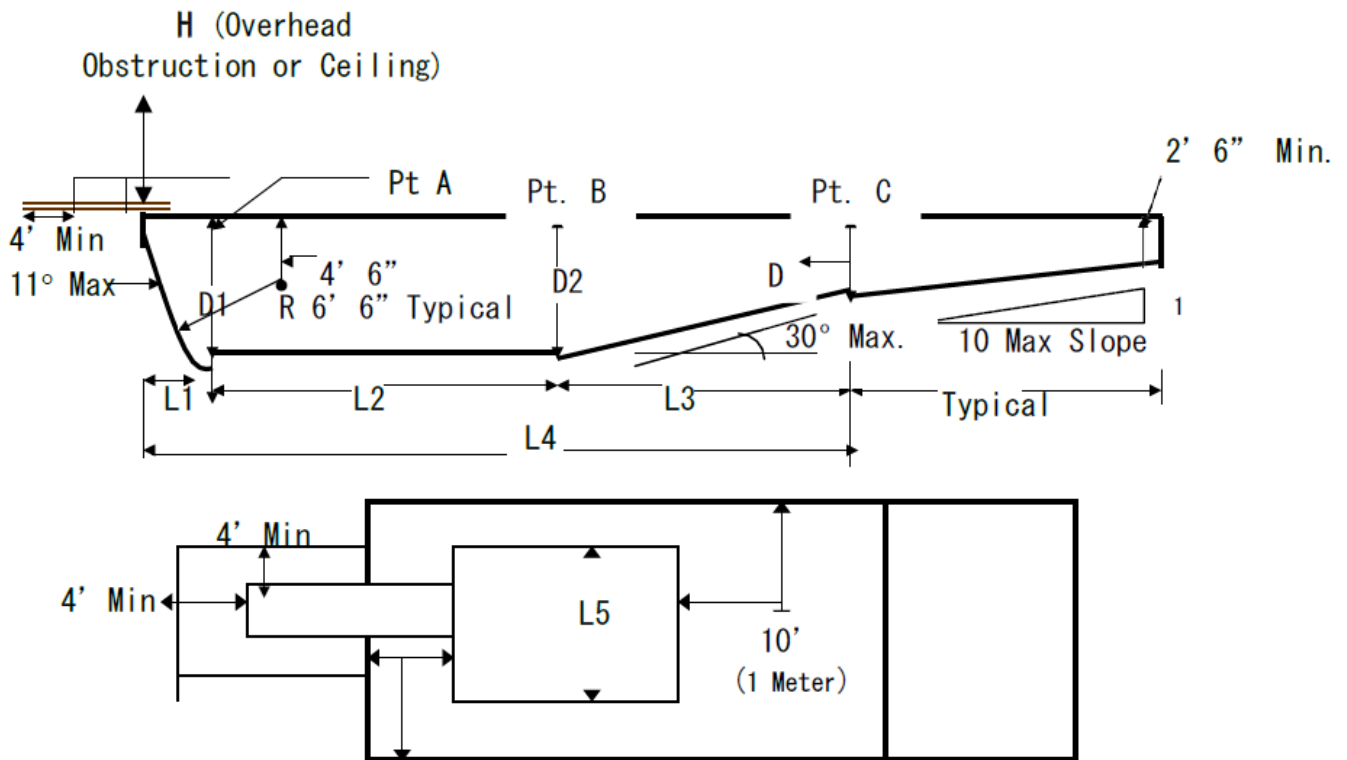
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\*\*\*Section 402.12; change to read as follows:

402.12 Water envelopes. The minimum diving water envelopes shall be in accordance with Table 402.12-Texas Department of State Health Services, Administrative Code Title 25, Chapter 265, Section 186 (e) and Figure: 25 TAC 256.186 (e) (6). (Delete Table 402.12 and Figure 402.12)

**ADD: Figure: 25 TAC §265.186 (e) (6)**

Maximum Diving Board Height Over Water	¼ Meter	1 Meter	3 Meters
Max. Diving Board Length	12 ft.	16 ft.	16 ft.
Minimum Diving Board Overhang	2 ft. 6 in.	5 ft.	5 ft.
D1 Minimum	8 ft. 6 in.	11 ft. 2 in.	12 ft. 2 in.
D2 Minimum	9 ft.	10 ft. 10 in.	11 ft. 10 in.
D3 Minimum	4 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.
L1 Minimum	4 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.
L2 Minimum	12 ft.	16 ft. 5 in.	19 ft. 9 in.
L3 Minimum	14 ft. 10 in.	13 ft. 2 in.	13 ft. 11 in.
L4 Minimum	30 ft. 10 in.	34 ft. 7 in.	38 ft. 8 in.
L5 Minimum	8 ft.	10 ft.	13 ft.
H Minimum	16 ft.	16 ft.	16 ft.
From Plumbet to Pool Wall at Side	9 ft.	10 ft.	11 ft. 6 in.
From Plumbet to Adjacent Plumbet	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.



(Reason: To avoid conflict with 25 TAC Chapter 265.)

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\*\*\*Section 402.13; change to read as follows:

402.13 Ladders for diving equipment. Ladders shall be provided with two grab rails or two handrails. There shall be a uniform distance between ladder treads, with a 7 inch (178 mm minimum) distance and 12 inch (305 mm) maximum distance. Supports, platforms, steps, and ladders for diving equipment shall be designed to carry the anticipated loads. Steps and ladders shall be of corrosion-resistant material, easily cleanable and with slip-resistant tread.

**Exception:** The distance between treads for the top and bottom riser can vary.

(Reason: To avoid conflict with 25 TAC Chapter 265.186 (c)(8)(d).)

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\*\*\*Section 411.2.1 & 411.2.2; change to read as follows:

411.2.1 Tread dimensions and area. Treads shall have a minimum unobstructed horizontal depth (i.e., horizontal run) of 12 inches and a minimum width of 20 inches. not be less than 24 inches (607mm) at the leading edge. Treads shall have an unobstructed surface area of not less than 240 square inches (154838mm<sup>2</sup>) and an unobstructed horizontal depth of not less than 10 inches (254 mm) at the center line.

411.2.2 Risers. Risers for steps shall have a maximum uniform height of 10 inches, with the bottom riser height allowed to taper to zero except for the bottom riser, shall have a uniform height of not greater than 12 inches (305 mm) measured at the center line. The bottom riser height is allowed to vary to the floor.

(Reason: To avoid conflict with 25 TAC Chapter 265.186 (c)(7)(A)&(B).)

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\*\*\*Section 411.5.1 & 411.5.2; change to read as follows:

411.5.1 Swimouts. Swimouts, located in either the deep or shallow area of a pool, shall comply with all of the following:

1. Unchanged
2. Unchanged
3. Unchanged
4. The leading edge shall be visibly set apart and provided with a horizontal solid or broken stripe at least 1 inch wide on the top surface along the front leading edge of each step. This stripe shall be plainly visible to persons on the pool deck. The stripe shall be a contrasting color to the background on which it is applied, and the color shall be permanent in nature and shall be a slip-resistant surface.

411.5.2 Underwater seats and benches. Underwater seats and benches, whether used alone or in conjunction with pool stairs, shall comply with all of the following:

1. Unchanged
2. Unchanged
3. Unchanged
4. Unchanged
5. The leading edge shall be visibly set apart and provided with a horizontal solid or broken stripe at least 1 inch wide on the top surface along the front leading edge of each step. This stripe shall be plainly visible to persons on the pool deck. The stripe shall be a contrasting color to the background on which it is applied, and the color shall be permanent in nature and shall be a slip-resistant surface.
6. Unchanged
7. Unchanged

(Reason: To avoid conflict with 25 TAC Chapter 265.184 (u) & 265.186 (c)(10).)

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*\*\*\*Section 603.2; change to read as follows:*

~~603.2 Class D-2 Pools. Where a Class D-2 pool has a bather-accessible depth greater than 4 1/2 feet (1372 mm), the floor shall have a distinctive marking at the 4 1/2 feet (1372 mm) water depth.~~

Class A and B pools: Class A and B pools over 5 feet deep: the transition point of the pool from the shallow area to the deep area of the pool shall be visually set apart with a 4-inch minimum width row of floor tile, a painted line, or similar means using a color contrasting with the bottom; and a rope and float line shall be provided between 1 foot and 2 feet on the shallow side of the 5-foot depth along and parallel to this depth from one side of the pool to the other side. The floats shall be spaced at not greater than 7-foot intervals; and the floats shall be secured so they will not slide or bunch up. The stretched float line shall be of sufficient size and strength to offer a good handhold and support loads normally imposed by users. If the owner or operator of the pool knows or should have known in the exercise of ordinary care that a rope or float is missing, broken, or defective, the problem shall be promptly remedied.

*(Reason: To avoid conflict with 25 TAC Chapter 265.199.)*

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*\*\*\*Section 610.5.1; change to read as follows:*

610.5.1 Uniform height of ~~9~~ 10 inches. Except for the bottom riser, risers at the centerline shall have a maximum uniform height of ~~9~~ 10 inches (~~229~~ 254 mm). The bottom riser height shall be permitted to vary from the other risers.

*(Reason: To avoid conflict with 25 TAC Chapter 265.186 (c)(7)(B).)*

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*\*\*\*Section 804; change to read as follows:*

804.1 General. The minimum diving water envelopes shall be in accordance with Table 804.1 and Figure 804.1, or the manufacturer's specifications, whichever is greater. Negative construction tolerances shall not be applied to the dimensions of the minimum diving water envelopes given in Table 804.1.

*(Reason: To provide minimum standards and to clarify specific manufacturer's specifications of the diving equipment.)*

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**END**