

CITY OF SAN ANSELMO

Ordinance No. 646

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SAN ANSELMO MUNICIPAL
CODE SECTION 9-6.507 TO CHANGE SAFETY
REQUIREMENTS FOR SWIMMING POOLS.

The City Council of the City of San Anselmo does ordain
as follows:

Section 9-6.507 of the San Anselmo Municipal Code is hereby
amended to read as follows:

Section 9-6.507. Safety Devices.

Because of variable conditions encountered, it is impractical to lay down definite detailed rules of procedure for determining the protective devices required for swimming pools. Every person owning land on which there is situated a swimming pool, fish pond, or other body of water which constitutes an obvious hazard and which is eighteen (18") inches or more in depth at any point shall erect and maintain thereon a solid enclosure, either surrounding the property or pool area, sufficient to make such a body of water inaccessible to small children. Such enclosure, including the gates therein, shall not be less than six (6') feet above the underlying ground. All gates shall be self-latching and with latches placed six (6') feet above the underlying ground or otherwise made inaccessible from the outside to small children.

(a) Wood fences. Wood fences shall have posts not less than 3" x 3", spaced not over ten (10') feet on centers, and embedded at least eighteen (18") inches into the ground. Posts, other than redwood, shall be treated with a preservative. Fencing shall be at least one-half (1/2") inch in thickness and fastened securely to at least two rails not less than 2" x 3" in cross section.

(b) Masonry fences. Masonry fences shall be supported on a foundation of concrete extending at least twelve (12") inches below grade, at least twelve (12") inches in width, and at least six (6") inches in thickness. Wall steel, when required, shall be embedded 16 diameters into the footing.

(c) Approved alternate. If the Building Official of the City of San Anselmo finds that any other type of construction has resulted in or will result in, a fence in all respects the equivalent in strength and durability to a fence constructed as provided in Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this section, such type of construction may be used.


(d) Any swimming pool enclosure legally erected and maintained prior to April 10, 1973 which does not conform to the provisions of this section may continue until a period of six months from April 10, 1973 has elapsed, at which time all such enclosures in the City must conform to the provisions of this Chapter.

Urgency Measure. This ordinance is an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and one of urgency and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption. This ordinance shall, within fifteen (15) days of its passage and adoption be published once in The Ross Valley Reporter, a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the County of Marin, and hereby designated for that purpose.

Dated: April 10, 1973


Lewis W. Stewart, Mayor

ATTEST:



Helen Ragan, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was read and adopted at a regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held on April 10, 1973.

AYES: Councilmen Stewart, Capurro, Blinder, Perry

NOES: Councilman Anderson

ABSENT: None


Helen Ragan, City Clerk