



## SWIMMING POOL GATE AND ALARM REQUIREMENTS

The Building Code of the City of Lake Worth requires all swimming pools to be entirely surrounded by a fence and all gates to be self-closing and self-latching. That means that after going through the gate and letting go of it the gate will close and latch on its own without further assistance. The ordinance make the following exceptions:

- 1) Vehicle gates which are kept locked at all time when not in use.
- 2) Vehicle gates designed or intended to be used on a regular basis may be automatic closing rather than maintained locked. Automatic gates may be opened by a key or switch (fixed or remote) but the gate shall automatically close within two minutes without requiring any additional action on the part of the person who opened it.
- 3) Doors from the dwelling opening directly into the pool enclosure may be equipped with an alarm instead of the self-closing device. The alarm shall sound continuously for thirty seconds upon opening of any of the doors to the pool area, and shall be audible throughout the house. There shall be a “kill switch” adjacent to the doors at least fifty four (54) inches about the floor that will permit a person tall enough to reach it to hit the switch before going through the door and thereby not setting off the alarm. These alarms may be a part of an alarm system throughout the house or may be individual units.

If the pool contractor or his superintendent and the homeowner sign below the door alarm system had been checked and complies with item number three (3) above, then it will not be necessary for the city inspector to check this item at final inspection. Please note that it is still necessary to call for final inspections to verify other code requirements.

Permit #:	Permit Address:
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<b>I affirm that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.</b>		
Homeowner Signature:	Printed Name:	Date:
Pool Contractor Representative:	Printed Name:	Date:

**\*This form must be filled out, signed, and returned to our office before requesting final inspections.\***

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