



To: **PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL OWNERS/OPERATORS**
From: Chrystal Swinger, REHS, Environmental Health,
Subject: 2018 Pool Operation Season and Permitting Requirements

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House Bill 56 included the newest change to the swimming pool rules, and was signed into law late last year. The memo in its entirety will be included for you to keep in your files. In short, there are no longer any minimum foot candle parameters required for the approval of night swimming. Those facilities wanting a permit that allows night swim, will need to indicate that on the permit application. A separate appointment will need to be made at night to see if there is adequate illumination. At that time, a decision will be made determining if night swim is approved or if additional lighting is needed. Even though there are no minimum standards, the pool must be illuminated enough to adequately see the entirety of the pool walls, pool floor, main drains, depth markers, all of the required deck space and walkways, all entrances, safety equipment (including emergency phone) and restrooms.

Additionally, please make sure that the following items are in order before the permitting inspection:

- Required signage must be viewable from all of the pool entrances .2530 (c)
- The body hook pole must be a minimum of 12' long .2530 (a)(1)
- The minimum diameter of the ring buoy rope must be ¼" .2530 (a)(2)
- When the skimmer equalizer VGB covers expire, the holes may be plugged, plastered closed or replaced with new VGB covers. No PDSC sheet will be needed if the lines are decommissioned, but any installation of new VGB covers will need a data sheet submitted.

The Cabarrus Health Alliance website <http://www.cabarrushealth.org/133/Swimming-Pools> has the application, the Pool Drain Safety Compliance data sheet (PDSC), and other information available.

There is no change in the annual permit fees. Please make checks payable to: **Cabarrus Health Alliance** or card payments can be processed by phone with the front desk attendant: 704-920-1207.

MAIL TO: Cabarrus Health Alliance Environmental Health 300 Mooresville Road Kannapolis NC 28081	Swimming Pool - \$250	Wading Pool - \$60
	Spa - \$100	Wet deck - \$100

Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis. A ready pool means that the water is circulating, the pool chemistry is balanced, the water is clear and the emergency phone is operational. I look forward to working with you this pool season.

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