GEORGIA DEPARTMENT *of* COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

# Georgia State Amendments

to the

# International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

(2024 Edition)


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**GEORGIA STATE MINIMUM STANDARD SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE**
**(INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE**
**WITH GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS)**

**The INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE, 2024 Edition, published by the International Code Council, when used in conjunction with these and any other Georgia State Amendments to the INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE, 2024 EDITION, shall constitute the official *Georgia State Minimum Standard Swimming Pool and Spa Code.***

## GEORGIA STATE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

The State's minimum requirements for public swimming pools shall be in accordance with O.C.G.A. 31-45-13 and the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Department of Public Health and this code. Contact the County Health Department for any local rules and regulations governing public swimming pools in effect on or after December 31, 2000.

## GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS

**CODE REFERENCE:**

(a) Replace all references to the ICC *Electrical Code* with references to the *Georgia State Minimum Standard Electrical Code* (*National Electrical Code with Georgia State Amendments*).

***Revise the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2024 Edition, as follows:***

## CHAPTER 1
## SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

*Delete Chapter 1 'Scope and Administration' entirely without substitution. Chapter 1 to remain in the Code as a reference and guide for local governments to use in the development of their own *Administrative Procedures.*
(Effective January 1, 2026)

## CHAPTER 3
## GENERAL COMPLIANCE

*Revise Chapter 3 'General Compliance' to add a new Section 300 'Scope' to read as follows:

### SECTION 300
### SCOPE

**[A] 300.1 Scope.** The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, renovation, replacement, repair and maintenance of aquatic recreation facilities, pools and spas. The pools and spas covered by this code are either permanent or temporary and shall be only those

that are designed and manufactured to be connected to a circulation system and that are intended for swimming, bathing or wading.

**300.1.1 Flotation tanks.** Flotation tank systems intended for sensory deprivation therapy shall not be included in the scope of this code.

**[A] 300.2 General.** Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall govern. Where, in any specific case, different sections of this code specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern.

**[A] 300.3 Existing installations.** Any pool or spa and related mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems lawfully in existence at the time of the adoption of this code shall be permitted to have their use and maintenance continued if the use, maintenance or repair is in accordance with the original design and no hazard to life, health or property is created.

**[A] 300.4 Maintenance.** Pools and spas and related mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, both existing and new, and parts thereof, shall be maintained in proper operating condition in accordance with the original design in a safe and sanitary condition. Devices or safeguards that are required by this code shall be maintained in compliance with the edition of the code under which they were installed.

The owner or the owner's authorized agent shall be responsible for maintenance of systems. To determine compliance with this provision, the code official shall have the authority to require any system to be reinspected.

**[A] 300.5 Additions, alterations or repairs.** Additions, *alterations*, renovations or *repairs* to any pools, spas or related system shall conform to that required for a new system without requiring the existing system to comply with all the requirements of this code. Additions, alterations or repairs shall not cause an existing system to become unsafe, insanitary or overloaded.

Minor additions, alterations, renovations and repairs to existing systems shall meet the provisions for new construction, unless such work is done in the same manner and arrangement as was in the existing system, is not hazardous and is *approved*.

**[A] 300.6 Historic buildings**. The provisions of this code relating to the construction, alteration, repair, enlargement, restoration, relocation or moving of pools, spas or systems shall not be mandatory for existing pools, spas or systems identified and classified by the state or local jurisdiction as part of a historic structure where such pools, spas or systems are judged by the code official to be safe and in the public interest of health, safety and welfare regarding any proposed construction, alteration, repair, enlargement, restoration, relocation or moving of such pool or spa.

**[A] 300.7 Moved pools and spas.** Except as determined by Section [A] 300.3, systems that are a part of a pool, spa or system moved into or within the jurisdiction shall comply with the provisions of this code for new installations.

**[A] 300.8 Referenced codes and standards.** The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those that are listed in Chapter 11 and such codes and standards shall be considered as to be part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Where differences occur between provisions of this code and the referenced standards, the provisions of this code shall be the minimum requirements.

**[A] 300.8.1 Application of the International Codes.** Where the *International Residential Code* is referenced in this code, the provisions of the *International Residential Code* shall apply to related systems in detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses not more than three stories in height. Other related systems shall comply with the applicable International Code or referenced standard.

**[A] 300.9 Requirements not covered by code.** Any requirements necessary for the strength, stability or proper operation of an existing or proposed system, or for the public safety, health and general welfare, not specifically covered by this code shall be determined by the code official.

**[A] 300.10 Other laws.** The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law.

**[A] 300.11 Application of references.** Reference to chapter section numbers, or to provisions not specifically identified by number, shall be construed to refer to such chapter, section or provision of this code.
(Effective January 1, 2026)

## SECTION 302
## ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL AND FUEL GAS REQUIREMENTS

*Delete Section 302.3.1 ‘Suction outlet fitting assembly sumps’ entirely without substitution.
(Effective January 1, 2026)

## SECTION 305
## BARRIER REQUIREMENTS

*Revise Section 305.1.1 ‘Construction fencing required’ to read as follows:

**305.1.1 Permanent barrier.** Pools and spas not provided with a safety cover per 305.1 shall have a complete and permanent barrier that complies with 305.2 before being filled with water and placed into operation.
(Effective January 1, 2026)

*Revise Section 305.3.3 ‘Latch release’ to read as follows:

**305.3.3 Latch release.** For doors and gates in barriers, the door and gate latch release mechanism shall be in accordance with the following:

1. Where door and gate latch release mechanisms are accessed from the outside of the barrier and are not the self-locking type, such mechanism shall be located above the finished floor or ground surface in accordance with the following

1.1 At public pools and spas, not less than 54 inches (1372 mm).

1.2 At residential pools and spas, not less than 54 inches (1372 mm).

(Effective January 1, 2026)

## CHAPTER 6
## AQUATIC RECREATION FACILITIES

## SECTION 609
## DRESSING AND SANITARY FACILITIES

*Revise Section 609.1 ‘General’ to read as follows:

**609.1 General.** Dressing and sanitary facilities shall be provided in accordance with Sections 609.2 through 609.9.
(Effective January 1, 2026)

*Revise Section 609.2 ‘Number of fixtures’ to read as follows:

**609.2 Number of fixtures.** The minimum number of required water closets, urinals, lavatory fixtures, dressing facilities and cleansing showers shall be provided in accordance with Sections 609.2.1 or 609.2.2. Rinse showers shall be provided in accordance with Section 609.3.
(Effective January 1, 2026)

*Revise Section 609.2.1 ‘Water area less than 7500 square feet’ to read as follows:

**609.2.1 Water area less than 7500 square feet.** Facilities that have less than 7500 gross square feet (697 $m^2$) of water area available for bather access shall have dressing facilities and not less than one water closet for males, one urinal for males, one lavatory for males, one cleansing shower for males, two water closets for females, one lavatory for females and one cleansing shower for females.

**Exception:** The requirement for dressing facilities and cleansing showers shall not apply to Class C semipublic pools.

(Effective January 1, 2026)

*Revise Section 609.2.2 ‘Water area 7500 square feet or more’ to read as follows:

**609.2.2 Water area 7500 square feet or more.** Facilities that have 7500 gross square feet (697 $m^2$) or more of water area available for bather access shall have dressing facilities and not less than 0.7 water closet for males, one urinal for males, 0.85 lavatory for males, one cleansing shower for males, two water closets for females, one lavatory for females and one cleansing shower for females for every 7500 square feet (697 $m^2$) or portion thereof. Where the result of the fixture calculation is a portion of a whole number, the result shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
(Effective January 1, 2026)

## CHAPTER 7
## ONGROUND STORABLE RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS

### SECTION 702
### LADDERS AND STAIRS

*Delete Figure 702.2 ‘TYPICAL A-FRAME LADDER, TYPES A AND B’ and last sentence of Section 702.2 ‘Type A and Type B ladders’ without substitution.
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**End of Amendments.**