

ORDINANCE**GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE****AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SWIMMING POOL SAFETY DEVICES**

- Section 1. Every person owning land on which there is situated a swimming pool, which contains twenty-four inches of water in depth at any point, shall erect and maintain thereon an adequate enclosure either surrounding the property or pool area, sufficient to make such body of water inaccessible to small children. Such enclosure, including gates therein, must not be less than four (4) feet in height above the underlying ground; all gates must be self-latching with latches placed four (4) feet above the underlying ground or otherwise made inaccessible from the outside to small children.
- Section 2. A natural barrier, hedge, pool cover or other protective device approved by the governing body may be used as long as the degree of protection afforded by the substituted devices or structures is not less than the protection afforded by the enclosure, gate and latch described herein.
- Section 3. All gates or doors opening through such enclosures shall be equipped with a self-closing as well as a self-latching device designated to keep and capable of keeping such door or gate securely closed at all times when not in actual use and prevent a small child opening same.
- Section 4. Any owner found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined an amount up to \$50.00.
- Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 1972.

Adopted at Town Meeting
March 8, 1972