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#### POLICY STATEMENT:

To reduce the risk of recreational waterborne illness, injuries and drowning all ~~publie~~public swimming pools will be inspected to assure compliance with Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC) 8.38 - Public Swimming Pools and ~~Nebraska Title 178: NAC 2—Operation and Management of Public Swimming Pools~~Lincoln Operational and Management Standards for Public Swimming Pools.

#### PROCEDURES:

- I. To reduce the risk of recreational waterborne illness, injuries and drowning all pools shall be inspected according to the following risk based schedule:
  - A. Pools opened throughout the year should be inspected at least three (3) times per year. Inspections should be conducted on a random basis. However, special effort will be made to inspect pools immediately prior to State High School Sports Tournaments, or other city events expected to draw large number of guests to hotels/motels with pools.
  - B. Seasonal pools which typically open in May and close operations in September must be inspected prior to opening.
  - C. Municipal pools and other pools with high public use should be inspected at least three (3) times during the season with inspections immediately prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day.
  - D. Other seasonal pools should be inspected a minimum of two (2) times during the swim season.
  - E. Pools that have a history of compliance problems (closure and repeated violations found) shall be ~~inspected more frequently than the pools that have a history of compliance~~ reviewed and appropriate follow-up action shall be determined by the Water Quality Supervisor.
- II. An inspection shall be completed and the results recorded using the Inspection Form (Exhibit A).
- III. The inspection shall consist of ~~4244~~ items of concern. ~~As each area is inspected the Environmental Health Specialist (EHS)~~ The inspector shall record one of the following:
  - A. IN: Item meets standards

- B. OUT: Item is out of compliance
- C. N/A: Item was not applicable
- D. N/O: Item was not observed

~~IV. If any of the following items are found to be “Out of Compliance” the pool shall be ordered closed until a reinspection has been conducted and the violation is corrected:~~

- ~~A. Water Quality~~
- ~~B. Disinfectants~~
- ~~C. pH~~
- ~~D. Water Clarity~~
- ~~E. Safety Equipment—Shepard’s Crook, Ring Buoy, Accessible Phone~~

~~V. Any time a pool is ordered closed; a Pool/Spa Enforcement Notice shall be issued. (See Enforcement Policy)~~

~~VI.V. At the completion of the inspection, the Environmental Health Specialist Inspector shall review the forms and discuss the results of the inspection with the person in charge. After the review, the EHS Inspector shall ask the person in charge for a signature on all forms. A copy of the inspection form shall be left at the facility with the person in charge. ~~If the person in charge is not Pool Operator (LPO), a copy will be mailed, faxed or emailed directly to the LPO.~~~~

~~VII.V. A copy of pool and spa inspections will be mailed provided to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services on at least a monthly basis.~~

~~VIII.VI. After review by the Water Quality Supervisor a copy of the inspection and PEN (if applicable) ~~will~~shall be placed in the working file and scanned into the Permits Plus case file.~~

