



Municipal and County Swimming Pool Regulations for Colorado Community Associations

CITY/COUNTY	BARRIER HEIGHT	GATE/BARRIER SPECIFICATIONS	DIVING BOARD	OTHER	SOURCE
Arvada	N/A	N/A	N/A	International Residential Code, 2003 Edition adopted by reference, with amendments	Arvada Municipal Code, Article IV, Section 7-523
Aurora	Minimum of 4'	Openings of not more than 4"; Fence type not readily climbable by children; Chain link is prohibited; Located not more than 100 ft from edge of pool; Self-latching and self-closing devices placed on inside top of gate	N/A	Other requirements regarding height, vertical member spacing, and access gates adopted from the International Building Code	City of Aurora, Municipal Code, Section 146-1742(A)
Boulder	Minimum of 2'	No openings large enough to permit children to pass through; Gates and doors must be self-latching, self-closing, and closed when not in use	N/A	N/A	City of Boulder Ordinance No. 7331 (2004), 9-3.3-26
Brighton	Minimum of 6'	No openings large enough to permit children to pass; gates or doors equipped with self-latching devices placed on inside top of gate, not readily accessible to children	N/A	N/A	City of Brighton, Zoning Regulations, "Swimming Pools," (1)(b)
Broomfield	Minimum of 6'; Maximum of 8'	Only gates which can be securely locked	N/A	N/A	City of Broomfield Code, Chapter 17-32, Section 140
Golden	N/A	N/A	N/A	Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Code, 1994 edition ¹ adopted, with amendments	City of Golden Municipal Code, Section 15.15
Lafayette	Minimum of 6'	Must be either chain link or solid wood construction	N/A	N/A	City of Lafayette Municipal Code, Section 26-14-10
Lakewood	N/A	N/A	N/A	International Residential Code, 2003 Edition adopted by	

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				reference, with amendments	
Littleton	Minimum of 5'	Self-latching gates	N/A	N/A	City of Littleton, Building Codes and Inspections, Fence Requirements, available online on 4/17/06
Northglenn	N/A	N/A	N/A	International Residential Code Appendix G regarding Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs, 2003 Edition adopted in its entirety	City of Northglenn Ordinance 1362
Thornton	Minimum of 6'	Any opening must be a gate or door and equipped with a self-latching and self-closing device installed at least 5' from ground; No openings large enough to permit a 4" sphere from passing through; Mesh limitations for chain link fences	Height limitations based on pool width and water depth	Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Code, 1991 Edition ² adopted by reference, with amendments	City of Thornton Municipal Code, Section 10-170
Westminster	Minimum of 5'; Maximum of 6'	Gates must be self-closing and self-latching located at least 54" from bottom	N/A	Other requirements have been adopted from the International Building Code, Section 3109.4.1	City of Westminster Municipal Code, Title II, Chapter 9
Wheat Ridge	Minimum of 6'	All gates self-locking and closed and kept locked when pool is not in use	N/A	N/A	City of Wheat Ridge Municipal Code, Article VI, Section 26-603(G)(2)
Adams³	Minimum of 2'	No openings large enough to permit children to pass through other than gates or doors equipped with self-latching devices placed on the inside top of the gate	N/A	Specific requirements for location	Adams County Development Standards and Regulations, 4-03-03-02-13
Arapahoe	Minimum of 2'	No openings large enough to allow passage of 4" diameter or more; Gates equipped to accommodate a locking device; Gates	N/A	Specific requirements depending on type of fence	Public Works & Development, Pool/Spa Requirements, available online 4/17/06

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		open outward away from pool and are self-latching; Special requirements for self-latching devices located less than 54" from the bottom of the grade; Fences located so as to prohibit permanent structures, equipment, or similar object from being used to climb it			
Boulder ⁴	Minimum of 2'	Gates equipped to accommodate a locking device; Gates open outward away from pool and are self-latching; Special requirements for self-latching devices located less than 54" from the bottom of the grade; Fences located so as to prohibit permanent structures, equipment, or similar object from being used to climb it	N/A	Special requirements where a dwelling serves as part of the barrier	"Barriers for Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs," a Boulder County Land Use Department Publication
Denver ⁵	Minimum of 5'	No opening larger than 4" in width, except for doors and gates; Constructed so that pool is visible through barrier; All openings in barrier large enough to permit entry must have self-closing gates or doors equipped with positive latching closure and locking mechanisms at least 4'6" above the ground	Specific standards for platforms, steps, and guard railings	Design criteria standards and other safety standards are required	Department of Environmental Health, City and County of Denver, Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations
Douglas	Minimum of 5'	No opening which would allow 6" sphere to pass through	N/A	N/A	Douglas County Zoning Resolutions, Section 3A-1- Section 8
Jefferson	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

*N/A means either not applicable or not available, please contact the city or county directly.

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³ Public swimming pools are subject to Adams County Development Standards and Regulations, 4-07-02-03-05, including setback, lifeguard, and storage requirements. The Adams County Development Standards and Regulations do not define “public swimming pools.”

⁴ In addition to these requirements, Boulder County has swimming pool design and sanitation standards which apply to semi-public and public pools. Semi-public pools are defined in Boulder County Swimming Pool Regulations, Article I, Section 1.3(17) as “a pool associated with hotels, motels, country clubs, health clubs, and mobile home parks.” Private pools are defined in Boulder County Swimming Pool Regulations, Article I, Section 1.3(11) as “any pool which is constructed in connection with or appurtenant to single family dwellings, condominiums or apartment houses, which is used solely by the persons maintaining their residence within such dwellings, condominiums, or apartment houses and the guests of such persons.” Private pools are exempt from the Swimming Pool Regulations. Boulder County Swimming Pool Regulations, Article I, Section 1.3(13) defines “public pool” as “a pool that is not a private pool under definition 11, nor semipublic pool under Definition 17.”

⁵ These regulations apply to Limited Access Pools. Pursuant to the Department of Health, City and County of Denver, Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations, Article I, #5, “Limited Access Pool” means “a swimming pool maintained in conjunction with a hotel-motel, apartment house, condominium, health club, or similar facility, and which is not available for use by the general public, but only by their occupants or members and their guests. Please see these Rules and Regulations for design criteria requirements, and other health and safety standards.