

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE  
AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
FROM: Phillip Shire, Director *PS*  
DATE: October 25, 2013  
SUBJECT: November 12 Public Hearing for Local Amendments to the International Building Code (IRC), Appendix G, Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

LUGM had intended to include this amendment specific to swimming pools with a comprehensive adoption of local amendments to the 2012 IRC. However, due to a 90-day extension related to swimming pool citations issued this past summer, we are proposing immediate amendments to Appendix G of the IRC, Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs (and will follow-up with the comprehensive IRC amendments at a later date).

The August 6, 2013 BOCC forum held in Valley Lee was dominated with testimony regarding permits for smaller, inflatable or collapsible pools. For permitting purposes, the IRC does not distinguish between these and permanent in-ground pools, but the County can make that distinction with local amendments to the IRC.

The adopting ordinance (attached) proposes to exempt above-ground and on-ground pools and portable spas from the requirements of IRC Appendix G (copy attached for comparison). The proposed exemptions do not apply to permanent appurtenant structures such as decks that may surround the pool or spa. The provisions of St. Mary's County Electrical Code are applicable in all cases.

Legal Notices will be or have been published in the October 25 and October 30 issues of The Enterprise, and personal letters of notice were sent to all attendees that signed the speakers list for the August 6 BOCC Forum.

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance  
IRC Appendix G