

1 15A NCAC .2508 Definitions is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 18A .2508 DEFINITIONS**

4 The following definitions apply throughout this Section:

5 (1) Equipment replacement means replacement of individual components of the hydraulic and
6 disinfection systems such as pumps, filters, and automatic chemical feeders.

7 (2) Public swimming pool means public swimming pool as defined in G.S. 130A-280. Public
8 swimming pools are divided into ~~four~~ five types:

9 (a) Swimming pools are public swimming pools used primarily for swimming.

10 (b) Spas are public swimming pools designed for recreational and therapeutic use that are not
11 drained, cleaned, or refilled after each individual use. Spas may include units designed
12 for hydrojet circulation, hot water, cold water mineral bath, air induction bubbles, or any
13 combination thereof. Common terminology for spas includes "therapeutic pool",
14 "hydrotherapy pool", "whirlpool", "hot spa", and "hot tub".

15 (c) Wading pools are public swimming pools designed for use by children, including wading
16 pools for toddlers and children's activity pools designed for casual water play ranging
17 from splashing activity to the use of interactive water features placed in the pool.

18 (d) Specialized water recreation attractions are pools designed for special purposes that
19 differentiate them from swimming pools, wading pools and spas. They include:

20 (i) water slide plunge pools and run out lanes;

21 (ii) wave pools;

22 (iii) rapid rides;

23 (iv) lazy rivers;

24 (v) interactive play attractions that incorporate devices using sprayed, jetted, or
25 other water sources contacting the users and that do not incorporate standing or
26 captured water as part of the user activity area; and

27 (vi) training pools deeper than a 24 inch deep wading pool and shallower than a 36
28 inch deep swimming pool.

29 (e) Special purpose therapy pools are pools designed and used for therapeutic treatments or
30 physical training and fitness outside of a licensed medical facility or practice of a licensed
31 physical therapist. They include:

32 (i) float tanks used for float therapy in a salt brine solution;

33 (ii) swim spa training pools which use jetted water for stationary
34 swimming against a water current;

35 (iii) exercise therapy and treadmill pools equipped for water resistance
36 exercise therapy; and

1 (iv) scuba pools designed and used for training swimmers to use self-
2 contained underwater breathing apparatus.

- 3 (3) Registered Design Professional means an individual who is registered or licensed to practice
4 engineering as defined by G.S. 89C or architecture as defined by G.S. 83A.
- 5 (4) Remodeled means renovations requiring disruption of the majority of the pool shell or deck,
6 changes in the pool profile, or redesign of the pool hydraulic system.
- 7 (5) Repair means returning existing equipment to working order, replastering or repainting of the pool
8 interior, replacement of tiles or coping and similar maintenance activities. This term includes
9 replacement of pool decks where the Department has determined that no changes are needed to
10 underlying pipes or other pool structures.
- 11 (6) Safety vacuum release system means a system or device capable of providing vacuum release at a
12 suction outlet caused by a high vacuum occurrence due to suction outlet flow blockage.
- 13 (7) Splash zone means the area of an interactive play attraction that sheds water to a surge tank or
14 container to be recirculated.
- 15 (8) Unblockable drain means a drain of any size and shape that a human body cannot sufficiently
16 block to create a suction entrapment hazard.

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18 *History Note: Authority G.S. 130A-282;*