

Ordinance No. 2022-09

FENCES REQUIRED FOR SWIMMING POOLS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PAYNE SPRINGS, TEXAS, PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR DRAINAGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Payne Springs, Texas ("City") is a Type-A general law municipality organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Payne Springs is authorized, pursuant to Chapter 51 of the Texas Local Government Code, to adopt an ordinance or regulation that is for the good government, peace or order of the municipality or for the trade and commerce of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Payne Springs finds it necessary to adopt regulations concerning the proper drainage on new buildings within the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PAYNE SPRINGS, TEXAS, as follows:

All Swimming Pools to be Fenced

(a) All outdoor swimming pools of at least 3 feet in depth shall be completely enclosed (on all sides) by a fence which shall be a minimum of 4 feet high, and of such type and construction such as wood, masonry, or iron to prevent children from crawling through. It will not have any openings more than 4 inches wide, except for gates or doors. It will not have any footholds, handholds, or openings that would allow someone on the outside of the fence to climb into the pool area. Such fence shall have its horizontal supporting members on the inside and where applicable shall have its smooth side facing outside in order to keep children from climbing over the fence. The use of barbed wire fencing is prohibited.

(b) All fence openings or points of entry into the pool area shall be equipped with gates at least 4 feet high. All gates shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed near the top of the gate or shall be of such construction that it cannot be unfastened by a child of younger years. Gates should open outward or away from the pool. All gates shall be kept closed at all times except when passing through.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council, City of Payne Springs, Texas, this 19th day of July, 2022.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Andrea Miller, Mayor

Beth Billings, City Secretary