



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3749.03 Approval of plans by director of health.

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(A) No person shall construct or install, or renovate or otherwise substantially alter, a public swimming pool, public spa, or special use pool after September 10, 1987, until the plans for the pool or spa have been submitted to and approved by the director of health. Within thirty days of receipt of the plans, the director shall approve or disapprove them. The plans and approval required under this division do not apply to repairs or ordinary maintenance that does not substantially affect the manner of water recirculation or basic design of the public swimming pool, public spa, or special use pool.

Any person aggrieved by the director's disapproval of plans under this division may, within thirty days following receipt of the director's notice of disapproval, request a hearing on the matter. The hearing shall be held in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and may be appealed in the manner provided in that chapter.

(B) Prior to the issuance of a license to operate a newly constructed or altered public swimming pool, public spa, or special use pool, the director or a licensor authorized by the director shall verify that the construction or alterations are consistent with the plans submitted and approved under division (A) of this section. The director or licensor authorized by the director shall have two working days from the time notification is received that a public swimming pool, public spa, or special use pool is ready for an inspection to verify the construction or alterations.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the fees for the approval of plans are as follows:

(a) Five per cent of the total cost of the equipment and installation not to exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars for a public swimming pool, public spa, or special use pool, or a combination thereof, that has less than two thousand square feet of surface area;

(b) Five per cent of the total cost of the equipment and installation not to exceed five hundred fifty dollars for a public swimming pool, public spa, special use pool, or a combination thereof, that has



two thousand or more square feet of surface area.

(2) The director may, by rule adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, increase the fees established by this section.

(D) All plan approval fees shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created by section 3701.83 of the Revised Code. The fees shall be administered by the director and shall be used solely for the administration and enforcement of this chapter and the rules adopted thereunder.

(E) Plan approvals issued under this section shall not constitute an exemption from the land use and building requirements of the political subdivision in which the public swimming pool, public spa, or special use pool is or is to be located.

(F) A plan that does not meet the requirements of division (A) of section 3749.08 of the Revised Code shall not be approved.