

REGISTER OF SUBORDINATE LOCAL LAWS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECTION 895

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1. **LAW NAME:** Subordinate Local Law No. 19 - Swimming Pools

PURPOSE AND GENERAL EFFECT: The objects of this subordinate local law are to provide detailed information called upon by Local Law No. 19 - Swimming Pools to regulate swimming pools to ensure:

- (a) swimming pools generally comply with essential standards of health and safety;
and
- (b) the operation or use of swimming pools does not result in nuisance to adjoining occupiers or others; and
- (c) public pools are properly managed and supervised.

2. **LAW NAME ALLOWING THE MAKING:** Local Law No. 19 - Swimming Pools

3. **DATE OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 12 June 2002

4. **PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE QUEENSLAND TIMES:** 6 July 2002

5. **DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LOCAL LAW:** 6 July 2002

IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL
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Short Title

1. This subordinate local law may be cited as Subordinate Local Law No. 19 (Swimming Pools).

Objects

2. The objects of this local law policy are to provide detailed information called upon by Local Law No. 19 (Swimming Pools) to regulate swimming pools to ensure:
 - (a) swimming pools generally comply with essential standards of health and safety; and
 - (b) the operation or use of swimming pools does not result in nuisance to adjoining occupiers or others;
 - (c) public pools are properly managed and supervised.

Application for permit-section 9

3. For the purposes of section 9 of the Local Law, the following information is required to be submitted with an application for permit to operate a public pool.
 - (a) Details of the disinfection, filtration and recirculation system to be used in the public pool.
 - (b) Details of fencing to be provided to the public pool.
 - (c) Details of facilities provided at the public pool such as change rooms and toilets.

Term of permit-section 11

4. For the purposes of section 11 of the Local Law, a permit shall expire on the 30 June each year.

Conditions of permit-section 12

5. For the purposes of section 12 of the Local Law, the following are conditions that must be imposed on a permit.
 - (a) The owner of land on which there is a public pool shall enclose such premises with a fence. A fence may enclose the entire premises or where there are other activities conducted on the premises that are not associated with swimming activities enclose only that part of the premises which is set aside for use in connection with swimming activities. Such fence:
 - (i) shall be constructed of approved materials and to an approved design; and

- (ii) shall have a height above ground level of no less than one thousand two hundred (1 200) millimetres and shall extend to within one hundred (100) millimetres of the ground; and
 - (iii) may be provided with gateways or other openings as may be required for permitting access and/or admission to the public pool. With the exception of a public pool that has an entrance that is constantly supervised, the gateways or openings shall be fitted with gates of approved construction and design and must be hung so as to have openings at top, sides and bottom when closed of not more than one hundred (100) millimetres; and
 - (iv) may consist in part of buildings used for or in connection with the operation, maintenance, or supervision of such swimming pool, provided that no such building shall provide access to the public pool other than by way of an admission gate or door which is capable of being constantly supervised; and
 - (v) shall be a permanent structure and maintained in good condition.
- (b) Any gate or door giving access to a public pool is to be kept securely closed at all times when the gate or door is not in use.
 - (c) Public pool water chemical parameters, bacteriological standards, their frequency of testing and method of recording must comply with the Queensland Health Swimming and Spa Pool Water Quality and Operational Guidelines.
 - (d) The records of results required by condition (c) plus any backwashing, chemical adjustments or dose settings are to be kept for a minimum period of 12 months at the premises and be available for inspection by an authorised person at all times.
 - (e) An authorised person may require the testing of public pool water for compliance with bacteriological criteria as detailed in the Queensland Health Swimming and Spa Pool Water Quality and Operational Guidelines. If testing is required it is to be carried out by a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) or equivalent registered analyst.
 - (f) All facilities provided at a public pool, such as toilets and change rooms, are to be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.
 - (g) The surrounds of the public pool are to be maintained in good repair at all times.
 - (h) A notice explaining mouth to mouth resuscitation shall be prominently displayed at a public pool.

- (i) A person must not operate a public pool that is classified as a high usage pool as defined by the Queensland Health Swimming and Spa Pool Water Quality and Operational Guidelines, unless there is a person in attendance at the public pool that has obtained and kept current the qualification of pool lifeguard (Royal Life Saving Society Australia) or other qualification to the satisfaction of an authorised person.
- (j) A person must not operate a public pool unless equipment to the satisfaction of an authorised person for the purpose of rescue and/or resuscitation and or first aid treatment is readily available for use.
- (k) A person operating a public pool must not allow a person who appears to be suffering from any type of infectious or contagious disease or skin complaint to enter the water of a public pool.
- (l) If applicable a notice advising of the dangers of immersion in hot spas is to be prominently displayed near the spa pool.

Exemptions

- 6. The Council or an authorised person may relax or vary any of the provisions of this Local Law Policy, generally or in particular cases, where the circumstances warrant such relaxation.

Repeal of Previous Subordinate Local Law

- 7. This Subordinate Local Law repeals the previous Local Law Policy No. 19 (Swimming Pools) made at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 13 October 1999.