

ARTICLE VI Swimming Pools (§ 123-40 — § 123-46)

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§ 123-40 Adherence to State Property Maintenance Code.

All swimming pools must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the appropriate and relevant sections of the New York State Property Maintenance Code.

§ 123-41 Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

AUXILIARY LOAD

An additional feature on a pool, typically a water feature or automatic cleaning system, which is powered by a separate pump and does not run for the same duration as the main filtration pump.

MULTISPEED PUMP

A pump, whether two-speed or variable, designed for operating at two or more speeds.

POOL COVER

A solar blanket, also known as a "bubble cover," an automatic cover that utilizes vinyl or similar material, or a winter cover that is sized to at least cover the entire surface area of a pool.

SINGLE-SPEED PUMP

A pump designed to operate at one speed.

SWEEP ELBOW

A pipe fitting to connect sections of pipe to turn the pipe's direction that forms a curve that arcs 90° without being a single right-angle turn.

TWO-SPEED PUMP

A pump designed for operating at two speeds, typically high and low.

VARIABLE-SPEED PUMP

A pump that is programmable to operate on more than two speeds. Hours of operation at the various speeds are able to be programmed directly on the pump and/or through an automatic control system.

§ 123-42 Energy conservation construction standards.**A.**

All pools constructed or reconstructed after January 1, 2009, with more than 500 square feet of surface area or an auxiliary pool load shall be constructed with piping of at least two inches in diameter.

B.

All pools constructed or reconstructed after January 1, 2009, with less than or equal to 500 square feet of surface area or an auxiliary pool load shall be constructed with piping of at least 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

C.

All pools constructed or reconstructed after January 1, 2009, shall use sweep elbows. Right-angled elbows are prohibited.

D.

There must be a length of pipe without bends or turns that is greater than or equal to at least four pipe diameters installed before the inflow to the pump.

E.

For all pumps installed after January 1, 2009, the multiport valves must be sized to equal the diameter of the pressure side of the pump.

F.

Directional inlets (hydrostream fittings) shall be a size of 1/2 inch in diameter or greater.

§ 123-43 Pumps and controls.

A.

All pumps and controls installed after January 1, 2009, shall have a time switch or similar control mechanism installed as part of the pool water circulation control system that automatically operates the system for the time necessary to maintain proper sanitary conditions and then automatically turns the system off.

B.

All single-speed and two-speed pumps and controls installed after January 1, 2009, shall be set or programmed to run only during off-peak electric demand periods for regular filtration purposes except where the pumps are used for circulating water through a heat exchanger or solar heater.

C.

All pumps installed after January 1, 2009, shall be of the following type based on pool size:

(1)

For pools with a surface area of less than 500 square feet, a single-speed or two-speed pump of less than or equal to one horsepower or variable-speed pump shall be installed. In the event that a pump is installed on a pool of less than 500 square feet and said pool has an auxiliary load, the pump installed must be a two-speed or variable speed pump.

(2)

For pools with a surface area of 500 to 799 square feet a multispeed pump shall be installed.

(3)

For pools with a surface area greater than or equal to 800 square feet a variable-speed pump shall be installed.

(4)

A single-speed pump of less than one horsepower shall be allowed to be installed for the sole purpose of operating auxiliary load (s), provided that the same pump is installed in addition to the properly sized pump and the single-speed pump shall not be used for filtration.

§ 123-44 **Filters.**

All pool filters installed after January 1, 2009, shall be sized using NSF/ANSI 50 standards based on the maximum flow rate through the filter:

A.

Cartridge 1.0 gallons per minute per square foot of cartridge;

B.

Sand, 20 gallons per minute per square foot of sandbed;

C.

Diatomaceous earth, two gallons per minute per square foot of element area.

§ 123-45 **Pool heaters.**A.

All pool heaters installed after January 1, 2009, shall meet the minimum energy efficiency requirements as established by the United States Department of Energy.

B.

Continuously burning pilot lights shall be prohibited for all pool heaters installed after January 1, 2009.

C.

Effective January 1, 2009, all heated outdoor pools shall have a pool cover that covers the surface of the pool when not in use.

D.

The Building Inspector shall waive the building permit fee for the replacement or installation of a pool heater when the pool heater being installed is a solar heating system.

§ 123-46 **Exemptions.**

The provisions of this article shall not apply to hot tubs or spas that have separate and distinct filtration and heating systems not connected or sharing pumps, plumbing, heating systems or water circulation with a swimming pool.