



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS BUREAU

## AUXILIARY WATER SOURCE IDENTIFICATION REGULATION 26

Los Angeles County Fire Code , Title 32, Section 903.5. and Section 903.6, Los Angeles County Plumbing Code, Title 28, Appendix G.

This Regulation shall apply to all required draft hydrant systems or auxiliary water sources in the Fire Zone 4 unincorporated area of Los Angeles County and incorporated cities located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (V.H.F.H.S.Z.) adopting Ordinance #95-0029.

**This regulation shall apply to all swimming pools or spas, 5000 gallon capacity or greater located within a V.H.F.H.S.Z. or Fire Zone 4.**

### Swimming Pools and Spas – Identification

1. Jurisdictional fire station personnel shall inspect and approve sign locations.
2. All new or **EXISTING** pools and spas, 5000 gallon capacity or greater, located in V.H.F.H.S.Z. or Fire Zone 4 shall be identified by a permanent sign.

Exceptions:

- (1) Swimming pools constructed with a draft hydrant system and so identified, need not be identified with a pools sign.
- (2) Where curb address numbers exist, pools and spas may be identified by painting a pool graphic next to the curb address numbers. The pool graphic shall depict a white water-and-swimmer against a blue background. The pools graphic shall be rectangular in shape and a minimum of 4 inches high and 4 inches wide. The pool graphic shall be maintained in a legible condition and repainted as necessary.
  - a) The pool or spa sign shall depict a white water-and-swimmer icon, with a blue background.
  - b) The dimensions for pool or spa sign shall be minimum 10" high and 71/2" wide.
  - c) Pool and spa signs shall be rectangular in shape, with retro-reflective, fade resistant, and able to withstand the elements. Graphics shall be white on blue.
  - d) Sign shall be securely fastened to a building or post, with the top of the sign a minimum of 36" above the ground.
  - e) Pool and spa signs shall be placed and maintained in such a position as to be plainly visible from the street or road fronting the property. Location shall be subject to Fire Department approval.
  - f) At the discretion of the fire inspector, additional signs may be required to adequately direct the Fire Department to the water source. The inspector may direct that signs be posted at alternate locations if upon field inspection, such a location provides better visibility.
  - g) The property owner shall be responsible to maintain or replace the required signs if damaged or removed by unauthorized person(s). The property owner or occupant shall maintain the sign free of vegetative growth.
  - h) Signs shall not be tampered with or otherwise vandalized.
  - i) Signs shall not be removed without the permission of the Fire Chief or his authorized representative.