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**Notice/Advertisement Title:** Rules and Regulations for Multi-Unit Residential Ponds

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### Body

#### Rules and Regulations for Multi-Unit Residential Ponds

The Director may partner with other departments to determine if a public nuisance, as defined in CC 4501.275, exists on premises containing a Multi-Unit Residential pond. If it is determined to exist, the Director may consult with the other departments to determine the actions required to abate the public nuisance. Actions may include requiring the owner to install a barrier around the pond to prohibit the public from accessing the pond.

Pursuant to CC 4525.17, the following Rules and Regulations are hereby established by the Director of the Department of Building and Zoning Services:

Warning signs:

- a minimum of four (4) signs shall, at least 12x18 inches, be erected around the pond on the north, south, east, and west sides of the pond, regardless of the number of rescue stations required below; and
- shall state "KEEP OUT" or "WARNING, NO SWIMMING" or "DANGER, STAY OUT OF WATER" or other similar warning language in bold red letters. Signs shall also have images indicating no swimming allowed, as shown on the attachment, or other similar images; and
- shall include other languages when warranted by the demographics of the residents (50% or more of a certain demographic); and
- shall be made of element resistant material.
- warning signs that have been installed prior to July 1, 2025 will be reviewed by the Director and may be approved as being in substantial compliance with these Rules

US Coast Guard Approved life-saving ring buoy, throw bag or equivalent USCG throwing device:

- shall be placed at "rescue stations" that include life-saving rings and rope placed every 300 feet around the perimeter. Must be type IV personal flotation device (ring buoy, throw bag, or equivalent throwing device) with one-quarter inch diameter line not less than thirty feet or more than sixty feet in length

Notice to residents

- owner shall notify residents upon move in and annually thereafter by way of written pamphlet or email warning of the possible dangers of drowning in the pond, as well as detailing safety features of the pond