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## Residential Swimming Pools, Spa and Hot Tub Safety Act

### POOL SAFETY ACT AFFIDAVIT

I (We) acknowledge that a new swimming pool, spa or hot tub will be constructed or installed at

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(Print street address)

and hereby affirm that one of the following methods will be installed prior to the final pool inspection to meet the requirements of Chapter 515, Florida Statutes and Florida Building Code 8th Edition (2023) (FBC) effective December 31, 2023. Please check your choice of compliance.

In order to pass final inspection and receive a certificate of completion, a residential swimming pool must meet the following requirements relating to pool safety features:

- (A) The pool must be equipped with an approved safety pool cover complying with ASTM F 1346 per R4501.17 (exception). No other barrier feature required with this option.
- (B) The pool must be isolated from access to a home by an enclosure that meets the pool barrier requirements of section R4501.17.
- (C) Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier, one (1) of the following shall apply per 8th Edition (2023) FBC Residential R4501.17.1.9:
  - 1) All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device with positive mechanical latching/locking installed a minimum of 54 inches above the threshold, which is approved by the authority having jurisdiction.
  - 2) All doors and windows providing direct access from the home to the pool shall be equipped with an exit alarm complying with UL 2017 that has a minimum sound pressure rating of 85dB A at 10 feet. Any deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches above the threshold of the access. Separate alarms are not required for each door or window if sensors wired to a central alarm sound when contact is broken at any opening.

Exceptions:

- a) Screened or protected windows having a bottom sill height of 48 inches or more measured from the interior finished floor at the pool access level.
- b) Windows facing the pool on floor above the first story.
- c) Screened or protected pass-through kitchen windows 42 inches or higher with a counter beneath.

(D) Other Method: \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that not installing a pool safety barrier complying with the FBC 8th Edition (2023) Residential R4501.17 at the time of final inspection, or when the pool is completed for contract purposes, will constitute a violation of Chapter 515, F.S. and will be considered as committing a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as established in the Florida Statute.

***Many types/models of alarms are not acceptable.  
Please check with the Building Department.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUILDING  
DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION SUBMITTAL.**

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