

Chapter H 71

PUBLIC BATHING PLACES

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H 71.01 Definitions. (1) PUBLIC BATHING PLACES shall be construed in these regulations to include any place open to the public for swimming or recreational bathing, together with shores, buildings, equipment and appurtenances pertaining thereto, irrespective of whether a fee is charged for the use thereof.

(2) BATHING PLACES are classified as follows:

- (a) Natural lakes, ponds, rivers and streams.
- (b) Outdoor pools which are partly artificial and partly natural in character.
- (c) Outdoor or indoor pools which are entirely of artificial construction.

(3) OWNER shall be construed to mean any municipality, corporation, company, association, firm or individual owning, controlling or operating any public bathing place.

H 71.02 Supervision. (1) REGISTRATION. All public bathing places shall be registered with the state board of health and such local health authority as the state board of health may designate. Registration blanks will be furnished by the state board of health and will provide for the filing of a full and complete description of the bathing place and the method of operation. All plans and specifications for the proposed public bathing places and for alterations or improvements in existing public bathing places shall be submitted to the state board of health in duplicate for approval, and approval in writing of same shall be secured from the state board of health before construction work is begun. Copies of all plans and specifications submitted under this section shall be kept on file in the bureau of sanitary engineering as a permanent record.

(2) INSPECTION. All public bathing places shall be open for inspection by representatives of the state board of health and by properly authorized health officials at all times when the bathing place is in operation. Health officers shall have the power to order reasonable changes relative to improving the operation and sanitary conditions of public bathing places, and if deemed necessary, to close such bathing place until the conditions are approved by the state board of health.

H 71.03 Establishment and construction. Public bathing places shall be established and constructed in such locations and such manner as may be prescribed by the state board of health to safeguard properly the health and safety of users thereof.

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H 71.04 Operation. (1) **RULES.** Public bathing places shall be operated in accordance with such rules as the state board of health may prescribe to adequately protect the health, safety and welfare of the users thereof. The state board of health recommends and approves a type of poster setting forth the bathing place regulations and rules of conduct, which should be prominently displayed in dressing rooms and in several conspicuous places about the premises.

(2) **ATTENDANT.** Every public bathing place shall be under the supervision of a competent operator or lifeguard who shall require careful observance of sanitary regulations.

H 71.05 Water. The sanitary quality of water supplied to or in public bathing places shall at all times meet such requirements or standards of quality as may be established by the state board of health.

H 71.06 Records. The owner of any public bathing place shall keep such records of operation and other information as the state board of health may specify and shall submit copies of such records and information to the state board of health when and as directed by the said board of health.