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- 1. Modification to Table P2903.2
- 2. Modification to Section R4501.16 Electrical, R4501.16.1 (new)

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TABLE P2903.1 REQUIRED CAPACITIES AT POINT OF OUTLET DISCHARGE

FIXTURE SUPPLY OUTLET SERVING	FLOW RATE (gpm)	FLOW PRESSURE (psi)	
Bathtub, balanced-pressure, thermostatic or combination balanced- pressure/thermostatic mixing valve	4	20	
Bidet, thermostatic mixing valve	2	20	
Dishwasher	2.75	8	
Laundry tray	4	8	
Lavatory	0.8	8	
Shower, balanced-pressure, thermostatic or combination balanced- pressure/thermostatic mixing valve	2.5 <sup>a</sup>	20	
Sillcock, hose bibb	5	8	
Sink	1.75	8	
Water closet, flushometer tank	1.6	20	
Water closet, tank, close coupled	3	20	
Water closet, tank, one-piece	6	20	

For SI: 1 pound per square inch = 6.895 kPa, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.

a. Where the shower mixing valve manufacturer indicates a lower flow rating for the mixing valve, the lower value shall be applied.

#### TABLE P2903.2 MAXIMUM FLOR RATES AND CONSUMPTION FOR PLUMBING FIXTURES, AND FIXTURE FITTINGS <sup>b</sup> <u>AND APPLIANCES</u>

PLUMBING FIXTURE OR FIRTURE FITTING	MAXIMUM FLOR RATE OR QUANTITY
Lavatory faucet	2.2 <u>1.5</u> gpm at 60 psi
Shower head <sup>a</sup>	<u>2.0</u> <del>2.2</del> gpm at 80 psi
Sink faucet	2.2 gpm at 60 psi
Water closet	1.6 1.28 gallons per flushing cycle
Dishwasher (Residential)	6.5 gallons per cycle or less (Energy
	Star/Watersense Certified) (c)
Washing Machine	Water factor or 8 or lower (Energy
	Star/Watersense Certified) (c)

For SI: 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m,

1 pound per square inch = 6.895 kPa.

a. A handheld shower spray shall be considered a shower head.

b. Consumption tolerances shall be determined from referenced standards.

c. Water factor in gallons per cycle per cubic foot

Exception: All fixtures, fittings and appliances with U.S. Environmental Agency WaterSense® (EPA) Label

tank, a hydropneumatic pressure booster system or a water pressure booster pump.

**P2903.3.1 Maximum pressure.** The static water pressure shall be not greater than 80 psi (551 kPa). Where the main pressure exceeds 80 psi (551 kPa), an *approved* pressure-reducing valve conforming to ASSE 1003 or CSA B356 shall be installed on the domestic water branch main or riser at the connection to the water service pipe.

**P2903.4 Thermal expansion control.** A means for controlling increased pressure caused by thermal expansion shall be installed where required in accordance with Sections P2903.4.1 and P2903.4.2.

**P2903.4.1 Pressure-reducing valve.** For water service system sizes up to and including 2 inches (51 mm), a device for controlling pressure shall be installed where, because of thermal expansion, the pressure on the downstream side of a pressure-reducing valve exceeds the pressure-reducing valve setting.

**P2903.4.2 Backflow prevention device or check valve.** Where a backflow prevention device, check valve or other device is installed on a water supply system using storage water heating equipment such that thermal expansion causes an increase in pressure, a device for controlling pressure shall be installed.

**P2903.5 Water hammer.** The flow velocity of the water distribution system shall be controlled to reduce the possibility of water hammer. A water-hammer arrestor shall be installed where quick-closing valves are utilized. Water-hammer arrestors shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Water-hammer arrestors shall conform to ASSE 1010.

**P2903.6** Determining water supply fixture units. Supply loads in the building water distribution system shall be determined by total load on the pipe being sized, in terms of water supply fixture units (w.s.f.u.), as shown in Table P2903.6, and gallon per minute (gpm) flow rates [see Table P2903.6(1)]. For fixtures not listed, choose a w.s.f.u. value of a fixture with similar flow characteristics.

	WATER-SUPPLY FIXTURE-UNIT VALUE (w.s.f.u.)		
TYPE OF FIXTURES OR GROUP OF FIXTURES	Hot	Cold	Combined
Bathtub (with/without overhead shower head)	1.0	1.0	1.4
Clothes washer	1.0	1.0	1.4
Dishwasher	1.4		1.4
Full-bath group with bathtub (with/without shower head) or shower stall	1.5	2.7	3.6
Half-bath group (water closet and lavatory)	0.5	2.5	2.6
Hose bibb (sillcock) <sup>a</sup>	_	2.5	2.5
Kitchen group (dishwasher and sink with or without food-waste disposer)	1.9	1.0	2.5
Kitchen sink	1.0	1.0	1.4
Laundry group (clothes washer standpipe and laundry tub)	1.8	1.8	2.5
Laundry tub	1.0	1.0	1.4
Lavatory	0.5	0.5	0.7
Shower stall	1.0	1.0	1.4
Water closet (tank type)		2.2	2.2

TABLE P2903.6
WATER-SUPPLY FIXTURE-UNIT VALUES FOR VARIOUS PLUMBING FIXTURES AND FIXTURE GROUPS

For SI: 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.
a. The fixture unit value 2.5 assumes a flow demand of 2.5 gpm, such as for an individual lawn sprinkler device. If a hose bibb or sill cock will be required to furnish a greater flow, the equivalent fixture-unit value may be obtained from this table or Table P2903.6(1).

SUPPLY SYSTEMS PREDOMINANTLY FOR FLUSH TANKS		SUPPLY SYSTEMS PREDOMINANTLY FOR FLUSHOMETER VALVES				
Load	Deman	d	Load	De	Demand	
(Water supply fixture units)	(Gallons per minute)	(Cubic feet per minute)	(Water supply fixture units)	(Gallons per minute)	(Cubic feet per minute)	
1	3.0	0.04104	_		—	
2	5.0	0.0684	-			
3	6.5	0.86892	_	_		
4	8.0	1.06944		_	_	
5	9.4	1.256592	5	15.0	2.0052	
6	10.7	1.430376	6	17.4	2.326032	
7	11.8	1.577424	7	19.8	2.646364	
8	12.8	1.711104	8	22.2	2.967696	
9	13.7	1.831416	9	24.6	3.288528	
10	14.6	1.951728	10	27.0	3.60936	
11	15.4	2.058672	11	27.8	3.716304	
12	16.0	2.13888	12	28.6	3.823248	
13	16.5	2.20572	13	29.4	3.930192	
14	17.0	2.27256	14	30.2	4.037136	
15	17.5	2.3394	15	31.0	4.14408	
16	18.0	2.90624	16	31.8	4.241024	
17	18.4	2.459712	17	32.6	4.357968	
18	18.8	2.513184	18	33.4	4.464912	
19	19.2	2.566656	19	34.2	4.571856	
20	19.6	2.620128	20	35.0	4.6788	

TABLE P2903.6(1) CONVERSIONS FROM WATER SUPPLY FIXTURE UNIT TO GALLON PER MINUTE FLOW RATES

(continued)

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WASTE PIPING. See "Filter waste discharge piping."

**WIDTH AND/OR LENGTH.** Actual water dimension taken from wall to wall at the maximum operating water level.

YOUNG CHILD. Any person under the age of 6 years.

**R4501.3 Mechanical requirements.** Unless otherwise specified in this code, all piping, equipment and materials used in the process piping system of swimming pools that are built in place shall conform to the *Florida Building Code*, *Plumbing*.

# R4501.4 Approvals.

**R4501.4.1 Compliance.** All materials, piping, valves, equipment or appliances entering into the construction of swimming pools or portions thereof shall be of a type complying with this code or of a type recommended and approved by a nationally recognized testing agency or conforming to other recognized standards acceptable to the administrative authority.

**R4501.4.2 Items not covered.** For any items not specifically covered in these requirements, the administrative authority is hereby authorized to require that all equipment, materials, methods of construction and design features shall be proven to function adequately, effectively and without excessive maintenance and operational difficulties.

**R4501.4.2.1. Flood hazard areas.** Pools installed in flood hazard areas established in Section R322 shall comply with Section R322.2.4 (A Zones) or R322.3.3.1 in coastal high-hazard areas (V Zones).

**R4501.4.3 Applicant responsibility.** It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to provide such data, tests or other adequate proof that the device, material or product will satisfactorily perform the function for which it is intended, before such item shall be approved or accepted for tests.

#### R4501.5 Alternate materials and methods of construction.

**R4501.5.1** Approval and authorization. The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the use of any alternate material, method of construction, appliance or equipment, provided any such alternate has been first approved and its use authorized by the administrative authority.

**R4501.5.2 Required tests.** When there is insufficient evidence to substantiate claims for alternates, the administrative authority may require tests, as proof of compliance, to be made by an approved agency at the expense of the applicant.

#### R4501.6 Engineering design.

**R4501.6.1 Conformance standard.** Design, construction and workmanship shall be in conformity with the requirements of ANSI/APSP/ICC3; ANSI/APSP/ICC 4; ANSI/ APSP/ICC 5; ANSI/APSP/ICC 6; and ANSI/APSP/ICC 7. **R4501.6.2 Required equipment.** Every swimming pool shall be equipped complete with approved mechanical equipment consisting of filter, pump, piping valves and component parts.

**Exception:** Pools with a supply of fresh water equivalent to the volume of the pool in the specified turnover time will be allowed.

**R4501.6.3 Water velocity.** Pool piping shall be designed so the water velocity will not exceed 10 feet per second (3048 mm/s) for pressure piping and 8 feet per second (2438 mm/s) for suction piping, except that the water velocity shall not exceed 8 feet per second (2438 mm/s) in copper tubing. Main suction outlet velocity must comply with ANSI/APSP/ICC 7.

**Exception:** Jet inlet fittings shall not be deemed subject to this requirement.

**R4501.6.4 Piping to heater.** Water flow through the heater, any bypass plumbing installed, any back-siphoning protection, and the use of heat sinks shall be done in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

**R4501.6.5 Piping installation.** All piping materials shall be installed in strict accordance with the manufacturer's installation standards.

**Exception:** Primer and glue on exposed aboveground piping not required to be colored.

**R4501.6.6 Entrapment protection.** Entrapment protection for suction outlets shall be installed in accordance with requirements of ANSI/APSP/ICC 7.

#### R4501.7 Pumps.

**R4501.7.1 Strainer.** Pool circulating pumps shall be equipped on the inlet side with an approved-type hair and lint strainer when used with a pressure filter.

**R4501.7.2 Installation.** Pumps shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.

**R4501.7.3 Capacity.** Pumps shall have design capacity at the following heads:

- 1. Pressure Diatomaceous Earth—At least 60 feet (18 288 mm).
- Vacuum Diatomaceous Earth—20-inch (508 mm) vacuum on the suction side and 40-foot (12 192 mm) total head.
- 3. Rapid Sand—At least 45 feet (13 716 mm).
- 4. High Rate Sand—At least 60 feet (18 288 mm).

**R4501.7.4 Materials.** Pump impellers, shafts, wear rings and other working parts shall be of corrosion-resistant materials.

#### R4501.8 Valves.

**R4501.8.1 General.** Valves shall be made of materials that are approved in the *Florida Building Code, Plumbing*. Valves located under concrete slabs shall be set in a pit having a least dimension of five pipe diameters with a minimum of at least 10 inches (254 mm) and fitted with a suitable cover. All valves shall be located where they will be readily accessible for maintenance and removal.

**R4501.8.2 Full-way (gate) valves.** Full-way valves shall be installed to insure proper functioning of the filtration and piping system. When the pump is located below the overflow rim of the pool, a valve shall be installed on the discharge outlet and the suction line.

**R4501.8.3 Check valves.** Where check valves are installed they shall be of the swing, spring or vertical check patterns.

**R4501.8.4 Combination valves.** Combination valves shall be installed per manufacturer's installation instructions.

**R4501.9 Water supply.** Unless an approved type of filling system is installed, any water supply which in the judgment of the administrative authority may be used to fill the pool, shall be equipped with backflow protection. No over the rim fill spout shall be accepted unless located under a diving board, or properly guarded.

#### R4501.10 Waste water disposal.

**R4501.10.1 Connection limitations.** Direct or indirect connections shall not be made between any storm drain, sewer, drainage system, seepage pit underground leaching pit, or subsoil drainage line, and any line connected to a swimming pool unless approved by the administrative authority.

**R4501.10.2 Disposal through public sewer.** When the waste water from a swimming pool is to be disposed of through a public sewer, a 3-inch (76 mm) P-trap shall be installed on the lower terminus of the building drain and the tall piece from the trap shall extend a minimum of 3-inches (76 mm) above finished grade and below finished floor grade. This trap need not be vented. The connection between the filter waste discharge piping and the P-trap shall be made by means of an indirect connection.

**R4501.10.3 Deviations.** Plans and specifications for any deviation from the above manner of installation shall first be approved by the administrative authority before any portion of any such system is installed. When waste water disposal is to seepage pit installation, it shall be installed in accordance with the approval granted by the administrative authority.

**R4501.11 Separation tank.** A separation tank of an approved type may be used in lieu of the aforementioned means of waste water disposal when connected as a reclamation system.

#### R4501.12 Tests.

**R4501.12.1 Pressure test.** All pool piping shall be tested and proved tight to the satisfaction of the administrative authority, under a static water or air pressure test of not less than 35 pounds per square inch (psi) (241 kPa) for 15 minutes.

**Exception:** Circulating pumps need not be tested as required in this section.

**R4501.12.2 Drain and waste piping.** All drain and waste piping shall be tested by filling with water to the point of overflow and all joints shall be tight.

### R4501.13 Drain piping.

**R4501.13.1 Slope to discharge.** Drain piping serving gravity overflow gutter drains and deck drains shall be installed to provide continuous grade to point of discharge.

**R4501.13.2 Joints and connections.** Joints and connections shall be made as required by the *Florida Building Code, Plumbing.* 

## R4501.14 Water heating equipment.

**R4501.14.1 Labels.** Swimming pool water heating equipment shall conform to the design, construction and installation requirements in accordance with accepted engineering practices and shall bear the label of a recognized testing agency, and shall include a consideration of combustion air, venting and gas supply requirements for water heaters.

**R4501.14.2 Water retention.** If a heater is not equipped or designed for an approved permanent bypass or antisiphon device, an approved permanent bypass or antisiphon device shall be installed to provide a positive means of retaining water in the heater when the pump is not in operation.

**R4501.14.3 Pit drainage.** When the heater is installed in a pit, the pit shall be provided with approved drainage facilities.

**R4501.14.4** Connections. All water heating equipment shall be installed with flanges or a union connection adjacent to the heater.

**R4501.14.5 Relief valve.** When water heating equipment which is installed in a closed system has a valve between the appliance and the pool, a pressure relief valve shall be installed on the discharge side of the water heating equipment. For units up to and including 200,000 Btu/hour input, the relief valve shall be rated by the American Gas Association.

**R4501.15 Gas piping.** Gas piping shall comply with the *Florida Building Code, Fuel Gas.* 

**R4501.16 Electrical.** Electrical equipment wiring and installation, including the bonding and grounding of pool components shall comply with Chapter 27 of the *Florida Building Code, Building*. Outlets supplying pool pump motors connected to single-phase 120-volt through 240-volt branch circuits, whether by receptacle or by direct connection, and outlets supplying other electrical equipment and underwater luminaires operating at voltages greater than the Low Voltage-Contact Limit, connected to single-phase, 120 volt through 240 volt branch circuits, rated 15 or 20 amperes, whether by

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receptacle or by direct connection, shall be provided with ground-fault circuit interrupter protection for personnel.

**R4501.16.1** Maximum voltage. The maximum voltage for each luminaire in any private swimming or bathing pools shall not exceed the Low Voltage Contact Limit, which is defined as a voltage not exceeding the following values:

(1) 15 volts (RMS) for sinusoidal alternating current

(2) 21.2 volts peak for nonsinusoidal alternating current (3) 30 volts continuous direct current

(4) 12.4 volts peak for direct current that is interrupted at a rate of 10 to 200 Hertz The maximum incandescent lamp

size shall be 300 watts.

R4501.17 Residential swimming barrier requirement. Residential swimming pools shall comply with Sections R4501.17.1 through R4501.17.3.

Exception: A swimming pool with an approved safety pool cover complying with ASTM F1346.

R4502.17.1 Outdoor swimming pools. Outdoor swimming pools shall be provided with a barrier complying with R4501.17.1.1 through R4501.17.1.14.

**R4501.17.1.1** The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51 mm) measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade the barrier may be at ground level or mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (102 mm).

R4501.17.1.2 The barrier may not have any gaps, openings, indentations, protrusions, or structural components that could allow a young child to crawl under, squeeze through, or climb over the barrier as herein described below. One end of a removable child barrier shall not be removable without the aid of tools. Openings in any barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inchdiameter (102 mm) sphere.

R4501.17.1.3 Solid barriers which do not have openings shall not contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.

**R4501.17.1.4** Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches (1143 mm), the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed  $1^{3}/_{4}$  inches (44 mm) in width. Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed  $1^{3}/_{4}$  inches (44 mm) in width.

**R4501.17.1.5** Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is 45 inches (1143 mm) or more, spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 4 inches (102 mm). Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed  $1^{3}/_{4}$  inches (44 mm) in width.

**R4501.17.1.6** Maximum mesh size for chain link fences shall be a  $2^{1}/_{4}$ -inch square (57 mm) unless the fence is provided with slats fastened at the top or bottom which reduce the openings to no more than  $1^{3}/_{4}$  inches (44 mm).

**R4501.17.1.7** Where the barrier is composed of diagonal members, the maximum opening formed by the diagonal members shall be no more than  $1^{3}/_{4}$  inches (44 mm).

**R4501.17.1.8** Access gates, when provided, shall be self-closing and shall comply with the requirements of Sections R4501.17.1.1 through R4501.17.1.7 and shall be equipped with a self-latching locking device located on the pool side of the gate. Where the device release is located no less than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the bottom of the gate, the device release mechanism may be located on either side of the gate and so placed that it cannot be reached by a young child over the top or through any opening or gap from the outside. Gates that provide access to the swimming pool must open outward away from the pool. The gates and barrier shall have no opening greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the release mechanism.

R4501.17.1.9 Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier, one of the following shall apply:

 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 85 dBA at 10 feet (3048 mm). Any deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches (1372 mm) 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 (1219 mm) 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 (1067 mm) or higher with a counter beneath.
- 2. 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 (1372 mm) above the threshold, which is approved by the authority having jurisdiction.
- 3. A swimming pool alarm that, when placed in a pool, sounds an alarm upon detection of an accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. Such pool alarm must meet and be independently certified to ASTM Standard F2208, titled "Standard Safety Specification for Residential Pool Alarms," which includes surface motion, pressure, sonar, laser, and infrared alarms. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "swimming pool alarm" does not include any swimming protection alarm device designed for individual use,

such as an alarm attached to a child that sounds when the child exceeds a certain distance or becomes submerged in water.

**R4501.17.1.10** Where an aboveground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps, the ladder or steps either shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access, or the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets the requirements of Sections R4501.17.1.12 through R4501.17.1.9 and Sections R4501.17.1.12 through R4501.17.1.14. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.

R4501.17.1.11 Standard screen enclosures which meet the requirements of Section R4501.17 may be utilized as part of or all of the "barrier" and shall be considered a "nondwelling" wall. Removable child barriers shall have one end of the barrier nonremovable without the aid of tools.

**R4501.17.1.12** The barrier must be placed around the perimeter of the pool and must be separate from any fence, wall, or other enclosure surrounding the yard unless the fence, wall, or other enclosure or portion thereof is situated on the perimeter of the pool, is being used as part of the barrier, and meets the barrier requirements of this section.

**R4501.17.1.13** Removable child barriers must be placed sufficiently away from the water's edge to prevent a young child or medically frail elderly person who may manage to penetrate the barrier from immediately falling into the water. Sufficiently away from the water's edge shall mean no less than 20 inches (508 mm) from the barrier to the water's edge. Dwelling or nondwelling walls including screen enclosures, when used as part or all of the "barrier" and meeting the other barrier requirements, may be as close to the water's edge as permitted by this code.

R4501.17.1.14 A wall of a dwelling may serve as part of the barrier if it does not contain any door or window that opens to provide direct access from the home to the swimming pool.

R4501.17.1.14.1 Adjacent waterways. Permanent natural or permanent man-made features such as bulkheads, canals, lakes, navigable waterways, etc., adjacent to a public or private swimming pool or spa may be permitted as a barrier when approved by the authority having jurisdiction. When evaluating such barrier features, the authority may perform on-site inspections and review evidence such as surveys, aerial photographs, water management agency standards and specifications, and any other similar documentation to verify, at a minimum, the following:

 The barrier feature is not subject to natural changes, deviations, or alterations and is capable of providing an equivalent level of protection as that provided by the code. The barrier feature clearly impedes, prohibits or restricts access to the swimming pool or spa.

**R4501.17.1.15** A mesh safety barrier meeting the requirements of Section R4501.17 and the following minimum requirements shall be considered a barrier as defined in this section:

- Individual component vertical support posts shall be capable of resisting a minimum of 52 pounds (229 N) of horizontal force prior to breakage when measured at a 36-inch (914 mm) height above grade. Vertical posts of the child mesh safety barrier shall extend a minimum of 3 inches (76 mm) below deck level and shall be spaced no greater than 36 inches (914 mm) apart.
- The mesh utilized in the barrier shall have a minimum tensile strength according to ASTM D5034 of 100 pounds per foot, and a minimum ball burst strength according to ASTM D3787 of 150 pounds per foot. The mesh shall not be capable of deformation such that a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch (6.4 mm) round object could pass through the mesh.

The mesh shall receive a descriptive performance rating of no less than "trace discoloration" or "slight discoloration" when tested according to ASTM G53 (Weatherability, 1,200 hours).

- 3. When using a molding strip to attach the mesh to the vertical posts, this strip shall contain, at a minimum, #8 by <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch (12.7 mm) screws with a minimum of two screws at the top and two at the bottom with the remaining screws spaced a maximum of 6 inches (152 mm) apart on center.
- Patio deck sleeves (vertical post receptacles) placed inside the patio surface shall be of a nonconductive material.
- 5. A latching device shall attach each barrier section at a height no lower than 45 inches (11 613 mm) above grade. Common latching devices that include, but are not limited to, devices that provide the security equal to or greater than that of a hook-and-eye-type latch incorporating a spring actuated retaining lever (commonly referred to as a safety gate hook).
- The bottom of the child mesh safety barrier shall not be more than 1 inch (25 mm) above the deck or installed surface (grade).

R4501.17.2 Indoor swimming pools. All walls surrounding indoor swimming pools shall comply with Section R4501.17.1.9.

R4501.17.3 Prohibited locations. A barrier may not be located in a way that allows any permanent structure, equipment, or window that opens to provide access from the home to the swimming pool.

R4501.18 Ladders and steps. All pools whether public or private shall be provided with a ladder or steps in the shallow end where water depth exceeds 24 inches (610 mm). In pri-

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