

Updates to Chapter 16 Health and Sanitation Article XIX: Recreational Aquatic Spray Grounds

Why is this ordinance being updated?

The ordinance is being updated to align with the *Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 265 Subchapter M, Public Interactive Water Feature and Fountains (State PIWF Rules)*.

Who will this ordinance apply to?

This ordinance will apply to all permitted Public Interactive Water Feature and Fountains within the City of Fort Worth. These text amendments will not change business operations.

What edits will be made to this ordinance?

There are three (3) categories of changes that will be made to this ordinance: Updates, Inclusions, and Clarifications.

1. Updates:

- a. Definitions will align with the *TAC, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 265 Subchapter M, State PIWF Rules*. Updated definitions include “public interactive water feature and fountains” and “supplemental water treatment system”.
- b. The permitted facility name will be changed from “Recreational Aquatic Spray Grounds” to “Public Interactive Water Features and Fountains” to align with State PIWF Rules.
- c. The Regulatory Health Agency will be changed from the “Code Compliance Department” to “Environmental Services Department”.
- d. The “Department of Planning and Development” will be changed to “Development Services Department”.

2. Inclusions:

- a. Other forms of supplemental disinfection will be included to align with *Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 265 Subchapter M, State PIWF Rules*, such as ozone and any future technology that can achieve the same level of disinfection.

3. Clarifications:

- a. Redundant standards that are specified in the *TAC, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 265 Subchapter M, State PIWF Rules* will be clarified. This includes standards for ultraviolet light sanitization, spray features, spray pads, and spray pad treatment systems.
- b. The requirement of automatic shut off devices for chemical and supplemental disinfection will align with *TAC, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 265 Subchapter M, State PIWF Rules*.

When will this ordinance go into effect?

This ordinance will go into effect on October 1, 2025.

For more information regarding the Chapter 16 Health and Sanitation ordinance updates, contact:

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For the *Fort Worth, TX. Code of Ordinances* referenced,
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