

APPENDIX F

(note: Pool Rules are updated every May)

FAIRLINGTON MEADOWS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION 2010 SWIMMING POOL RULES

I. POOL OPERATION

A) The pool contract operations and project manager (hereafter called "pool manager"), **head lifeguard** and the **other lifeguards have complete jurisdiction over the pool**. Everyone within the pool area is obliged to abide by these rules and to cooperate with the lifeguards in maintaining order in and around the pool. Safety is the main priority of these rules.

B) **RECREATION CARDS:** Recreation Cards are issued to either the residents or to the non-resident owner of a Fairlington Meadows unit, but not to both. The card, once signed, acknowledges that these rules have been read and will be observed. **Residents entering the pool enclosure are required to present their Recreation Cards to the lifeguard and to sign in at the sign-in table AT EVERY VISIT.** A Recreation Card cannot be used by any person other than the one named on the card.

C) **AGE OF CHILDREN:** A Recreation Card is issued to each resident who lives in the Meadows and who is 12 years of age or older. The only exception is if a parent has children ages 12 through 22 years old who do not reside in the Meadows full-time, but who will be residing with the parent during the summer. **Children under 12 years of age may not go to the pool alone, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

D) **NANNIES AND BABYSITTERS:** Nannies and babysitters, when accompanying a resident's children, must bring the parent's Recreation Card **and** a statement signed by the parent which clearly assigns responsibility for the children's welfare to the sitter and gives the sitter permission to use the pool. Except for this provision, a Recreation Card cannot be used by any person other than the one named on the card. It is the resident's responsibility to be sure that sitters are familiar with all pool rules. Nannies and babysitters may not bring additional guests, including children, other than Meadows children for whom they are caring.

E) **GUESTS:** Our guest policy allows residents to accompany, **not send**, a few guests to the pool occasionally without paying a fee. Guests must be accompanied by a resident who is at least 16 years of age or older. If the resident is already at the pool when his/her guest arrives, the resident must go to the sign-in table and sign in the guest (i.e. guests can't sign themselves in). Guests are subject to all pool rules, and residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests.

F) **NUMBER OF GUESTS:** Residents are expected to exercise restraint in the number of guests they bring to the pool, especially on weekends and holidays. If the number of patrons in attendance at the pool is such that it becomes overcrowded, then at any time and at the discretion of the lifeguard, **the pool manager or lifeguard can limit the total number of guests within the pool enclosure** by either excluding all guests or by limiting the number of guests allowed per unit. Guest children are counted the same as adults. When children are brought to the pool as guests, there must be at least one adult for every three children in the group. Anyone who wishes to bring more than six guests per unit at one time must complete a *Request for Additional Pool Guests* form. This form is available from the lifeguard and should be returned to the pool manager a minimum of ten days in advance of the event. A decision on the request will be made

by the Pool Committee Chairperson(s) within seven days. A fee may be charged for this type of use of the pool depending on whether or not additional lifeguards are required.

G) **GUEST FEES:** Restraint is also required in the frequency with which guests are brought to the pool. Residents who regularly bring guests more often than occasionally (for example, more than twice a month) may be charged \$3.00 per guest for each visit. The pool manager, in conjunction with the Pool Committee, will decide when and if this fee is to be imposed.

H) **LAP LANES:** Unless actively swimming laps, please vacate the lap lanes, as others patrons may be waiting to use them. Be careful not to interfere with swimmers in the lap lanes.

II. HEALTH AND SAFETY

A) **Items prohibited in the pool enclosure (exceptions may be made for pool-sponsored events only):**

- Glass containers
- Animals
- Audio devices without earphones
- Vehicles (except baby strollers)
- Rollerblades, Skates, Skateboards, Bicycles, Scooters, etc.
- Consumption of food on the concrete pool deck or in the water (food consumption is permitted on any of the grassy areas or at the tables within the pool enclosure)
- Frisbees
- Oversized flotation devices as decided by the lifeguard, particularly when there are other patrons in the pool; pool "noodles" are permitted
- Chewing gum

B) **Activities prohibited in the pools:**

- Diving from the side anywhere except in the Diving Area
- Swimming across designated lap lanes when they are in use
- Smoking on the concrete deck, in the restrooms or in the pool (smoking is allowed only on the grassy areas) – ***Please Use Ash Trays!***
- Running or pushing
- Excessive noise
- Hanging or sitting on the ropes
- Ball bouncing and ball throwing on the pool deck
- Jumping onto floats or tubes from the edge of the pool
- Spitting or spouting water
- Blowing one's nose in the water
- Wrestling, horseplay, chicken fights
- Games infringing on others' safety or reasonable enjoyment of the facility
- "Marco Polo" (or similar call and response games) may not be played after 5 pm.

C) Persons with a communicable disease (including skin disease, nasal or ear discharge or inflamed eyes) shall be excluded from swimming in the pool.

D) Everyone who enters either swimming pool must be wearing appropriate swimming attire.

E) Any injury occurring in the pool area must be reported to a lifeguard immediately.

F) The pool office is for pool personnel only. Only the pool managers, lifeguards, Meadows maintenance personnel, directors and staff are permitted in the pool office or workshop.

G) **Diving Area Rules:**

- Diving is permitted only in the diving area (i.e. in the 5'-8' section)
- No back dives or back flips off the edge of the pool
- No inward dives
- Tubes or floatation devices of any kind are prohibited in the diving area of the pool; *this includes noodles and kick boards*
- Diving in an unsafe manner will be stopped by the lifeguards

H) **For safety reasons, patrons may not engage in lengthy conversations with lifeguards who are on duty.**

III. SPECIFIC TO CHILDREN

A) Parents or guardians have the primary responsibility for overseeing the behavior and safety of their children at the pool. Children under the age of 12 are not permitted in the pool enclosure unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must remain with the child and oversee the child's behavior and safety. Guardians must be at least 18 years of age.

B) A parent or guardian must be actively supervising and within arm's reach of a child who cannot swim or who is using a flotation device.

C) Resident children ages 12 through 16 who have passed a swim test administered by the lifeguards are allowed to use the pool unsupervised. Any child, whether resident or guest, who has not passed the swim test may swim in the large pool **only when directly supervised by a parent or guardian**. Children who have not passed the swim test are NOT allowed in the deep end

D) THE SWIM TEST CONSISTS OF SWIMMING TWO LENGTHS OF THE POOL NON-STOP, UNASSISTED AND WITHOUT TOUCHING THE BOTTOM, SIDES OR LANE ROPES, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY TREADING WATER IN THE DEEP END FOR ONE MINUTE. The lifeguard's decision of whether the swim test is passed or failed is final. The test may be retaken after a rest period of at least two hours.

E) After a child passes the swim test, a lifeguard will initial and date the authorization card and hole punch the child's Recreation Card after it has been issued. Children are expected to know and abide by the pool rules, which they will acknowledge by signing a modified rules contract upon passing the swim test. If they do not comply with the rules, the lifeguard has the authority and the responsibility to expel them from the pool enclosure.

F) The wading pool is for the use of children ages seven and under only. Parents or guardians must remain with and actively supervise children inside the fenced wading pool area.

G) Children who are not toilet trained are not permitted in either pool unless they are wearing **both diapers AND rubber pants**. If there should be any release of human waste into the pools, Arlington County Code requires that the large pool be closed for six hours and the wading pool for one hour to allow all the water to circulate through the filtering system.

H) Every hour, at ten minutes before the hour, a "BREAK" will be called. All children under the age of 16 must clear the large pool for 10 minutes. A "ten-minute warning" will be given at 8:50pm. ALL patrons must begin vacating the pool at that time. The enclosure will be closed and locked at 9:00pm.

IV. ENFORCEMENT

A) Residents are liable for any damage they, their children or their guests cause to the pool, bath-house, fence, pool furniture or equipment.

B) Anyone who violates the pool rules or fails to obey a directive from the lifeguards is subject to any of the following procedures:

- 1) Receiving a warning
- 2) Being "benched" for up to 15 minutes
- 3) Being ejected from the pool enclosure
- 4) Loss of recreation privileges for the remainder of the year

Anyone who has been ejected may not return to the pool until they have had a conference with the pool manager and/or the Board of Directors, as the situation warrants. In the case of children, the conference shall include the parent or guardian.

C) Behavior resulting in immediate ejection from the pool enclosure includes:

- Using profanity
- Pushing someone into the pool
- Being intoxicated or under the influence of drugs
- Fighting
- Repeated infractions of pool rules
- Disobeying instructions from the lifeguards

D) Climbing on or over the pool fence is prohibited. Anyone entering the pool enclosure without a Recreation Card is in violation of trespass laws and subject to arrest. The policy of the Board of Directors is to cooperate with the Arlington County Police to prosecute trespassers.

E) The Board of Directors may withhold or suspend pool privileges for residents in violation of pool rules or other regulations contained in the Bylaws, including, but not limited to, those regarding condominium fees, parking, pets and trash disposal.

Comments about pool operations should be directed to:

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