

ORDINANCE 17-2023

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITH STATED AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Haskell, Arkansas deems it necessary to adopt the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code with the following amendment.

1. Section 303.2 Enclosures

Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barriers not less than 48 inches in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool and **5 to 10 feet away from edge of pool, within reason.** Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching. Where the self-latching device is less than 54 inches above the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate. Self-Closing and self-latching gates shall be maintained such that the gate will positively close and latch when released from an open position of 6 inches from the gatepost. An existing pool enclosure shall not be removed, replaced, or changed in a manner that reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to the public health of the citizens of the City of Haskell, Arkansas to enforce a property maintenance ordinance and code.

NOW THEREFORE, *Emergency Declared.* The City Council of Haskell, Arkansas has determined that to the extent the City has previously enacted codes or regulations touching on the subjects of the Codes enacted hereby, the same are now outmoded and out of date. To the full extent possible, all future construction within the city should be in accord with comprehensive current codes. Therefore, an emergency exists, and this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety. It shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage and approval.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Haskell, Arkansas, that the 2024 International Property Management Code on this day _____ of November 2023.

Attest:

Approved:

Jennifer Hill, Recorder/Treasurer

Clyde Crookham, Mayor