



Public Recreational Water Facilities

The Portsmouth Department of Health administers the *Portsmouth Swimming Pool Ordinance* (*Portsmouth, Virginia, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34*) and conducts plan review, inspection of pool construction or alteration, and routine inspections for public recreational water facilities.

"A public recreational water facility" includes any splash park, pool, spa, or hot tub operating at a non-private residence such as a recreational facility, community swim club, neighborhood pool, motel, hotel, or apartment & condominium complex.

How to Obtain a Health Department Permit

Before construction of the public recreational water facility begins:

- Submit the Recreational Water Facility application found on the Portsmouth Health Department web site.
- Submit detailed construction plans for the recreational water facility, and the pump room.
- Submit the appropriate fees:
 - \$50.⁰⁰ for seasonal a pool
 - \$75.⁰⁰ for a year-round pool
 - \$40.⁰⁰ for the plan review
- Work with the appropriate Portsmouth City agencies during the construction phase.
- Obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from Portsmouth Department of Permits & Inspections.
- Complete a satisfactory inspection from the Portsmouth Health Department.

Please note that a recreational water facility with more than one (1) pump will require a permit for each pump.