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DEMOLITION OF SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS

PURPOSE:

A demolition permit is required to regulate the demolition and removal of an in-ground swimming pool and/or spa to ensure that the site is not adversely affected by remnants of the pool or spa.

The concern is that an abandoned pool/spa may act as a bowl that does not drain properly. Unregulated backfilling could result in supersaturated soil, creating a hazard to public safety. Additionally, if there is potential for future construction, uncompacted fill may not be adequate to sustain loads from new structures, like a patio cover, balcony, or room addition, leading to settlement and other structural issues.

PERMIT PROCESS:

- A Demolition Permit may be issued to the property owner or a licensed contractor only.
- Required Documentation:
- Provide a drawn site plan in PDF format with the following: property owner's name and information, legal address, legal description, assessor's parcel number (A.P.N.); show the location of the pool, pool equipment, all structures, and distances to all property lines.
- Completed building permit application, with all required information filled in.
- At final inspection, a wet stamped and signed compaction report is required.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- The Permittee must ensure the following is removed prior to inspection:
- A 2' x 2' section of the pool bottom at the deep end and at any other location that may not drain to a hole provided.
- The grade beam and sidewalls to a point two feet below the finished grade.
- Gas and electrical utilities serving the pool shall be properly removed and terminated at their service location, and all pool equipment must be removed with utilities capped below grade.
- At final inspection, a wet stamped and signed compaction report is required.

Inspection Schedule:

- Initial Inspection: Before any backfilling occurs.
- Final Inspection: After all backfilling is complete, with a compaction report (wet stamped and signed by the engineer of record) provided.