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Robert Pinter, Head Coach and Owner
Gator Swim Club
4420 Northwest 19th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32605

RE: Swimming Pool/Bathing Place Variance Request, Application #3471
Gator Swim Club Special Purpose Pool, 7010 Northwest 23rd Way B, Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Pinter:

The Advisory Review Board for Swimming Pools and Bathing Places reviewed your application for variance on May 13, 2020. When a variance is requested, the Advisory Review Board considers whether the hardship was caused intentionally, whether a reasonable alternative exists, and whether the health and safety of pool patrons are at risk.

The Board recommended to approve your variance application to install indoors a prefabricated SwimEx 600T 'Endless Pool' brand swim spa, which is a special purpose pool that has the following Florida building code violations:

- The step below the intake bench has been eliminated creating a ~21-inch bottom step riser from the top of the bench to the bottom of the pool. This is a violation of section 454.1.8.4 of the Florida Building Code: Step treads shall have a minimum width of 10 inches for a minimum continuous tread length of 12 inches. Step riser heights shall not exceed 12 inches.
- No handrail is mounted on the prefabricated set of steps. This is a violation of section 454.1.8.4.1: Handrails shall be provided for all sets of steps and shall be anchored in the bottom step and in the deck.
- The fan propulsion system drafts directly from the spa. This is a violation of section 454.1.8.6.2: Therapy or jet pumps shall take suction from the collector tank.
- The fan propulsion system is constructed onto the pool wall creating an underwater obstruction. This is a violation of section 454.1.2.6: The pool water area shall be unobstructed by any type structure unless justified by engineering design as a part of the recirculation system.
- The applicant is requesting to construct a wet deck around approximately 48 percent of the pool. This is a violation of section 454.1.8.5: Decks shall have a minimum 4-foot wide unobstructed width around the entire pool perimeter except that pools of less than 120 square feet of pool water surface area shall have a minimum 4-foot-wide unobstructed continuous deck around a minimum of 50 percent of the pool perimeter.

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