

# Swimming Pools Technical Advisory Committee – Glitch/Errata

## 8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code, Building

### CHAPTER 4 SPECIAL DETAILED REQUIREMENTS BASED ON OCCUPANCY AND USE

#### SECTION 454 SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHING PLACES (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE)

##### SW-FBC-B - Ch. 4 – Glitch #1

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I am concerned about how the rules sign portion of 454 is being interpreted. The market is producing signs to two different specifications:

There is this one <https://sigosigns.com/florida-pool-rules-no-diving-sign-complies-with-state-of-florida-pool-safety-code> which matches what Martin Aquatic usually recommends, and this one <https://www.compliancesigns.com/pd/florida-pool-rules-no-food-or-beverages-in-pool-or-deck-sign-nhe-15265-florida> that has a second sentence as part of rule 1.

Based on our records, the DOH checklist in 2022 (when the 2020 code changes had already been in effect for 2 years) had the first sentence in bold and the second sentence in mixed case not bold font, indicating that only the first sentence was required. Here is a screenshot of that checklist:

Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	454.1.2.3.5; 454.1.8.13	The following rules in <b>BOLD</b> will be posted at or near poolside and will be legible from spa pool deck: 1. <b>NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES IN THE SPA POOL OR ON SPA POOL WET DECK.</b> Commercially bottled water in plastic bottles is allowed on the pool wet deck for pool patron hydration.
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By 2023, the checklist changed to show both sentences bold and in all caps.

Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	454.1.2.3.5	The following rules in <b>BOLD</b> will be posted at or near poolside and will be legible from pool deck: 1. <b>NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES IN THE POOL OR ON POOL WET DECK.</b> <b>COMMERCIALLY BOTTLED WATER IN PLASTIC BOTTLES IS ALLOWED ON THE POOL WET DECK FOR POOL PATRON HYDRATION.</b>
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I don't think this was the intent of that text when it was added during the 2020 code cycle. Most of the other rules in the Code have explanatory statements that are not meant to be copied word for word to the rules sign. The grammar of the sentence is confusing and it is very long for a rules sign, so as written it seems to be more like an explanatory statement.

On the other hand, if the statement is not put on the rules sign, pool users and operators may not know that there is no legal problem with bringing commercially bottled water to the pool.

Here is how the first rule is published in the Code today:

1.No food or beverages in the pool or on pool wet deck. Commercially bottled water in plastic bottles is allowed on the pool wet deck for pool patron hydration.

**Exception:** Food and beverages served in accordance with swim-up bar requirements found in Department of Health (DOH) Rule 64E-9.004, *Florida Administrative Code*.

Here is my proposed glitch/errata fix, to make the rule more suited to a rules sign going forward:

1.No food or beverages in the pool or on pool wet deck. ~~C, except~~ commercially bottled water in plastic bottles, on the deck only. ~~is allowed on the pool wet deck for pool patron hydration.~~

**Exception:** Food and beverages served in accordance with swim-up bar requirements found in Department of Health (DOH) Rule 64E-9.004, *Florida Administrative Code*.

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**TAC Recommendation:**

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**Subject:** caught a pool errata but may be too late

Mo and Dallas – wanted to let you both know that I happened across an error in the 8<sup>th</sup> edition as it relates to a referenced standard.

In R4501.6.1 we list conformance standards and the last one should read ANSI/**PHTA**/ICC 7, but it still uses the old name of ANSI/**APSP**/ICC 7. In Chapter 46 where the PHTA standards are listed, it accurately notes that it is ANSI/PHTA/ICC 7, with the appropriate edition, for what that's worth. This same thing occurs in R4501.6.3 and R4501.6.6 with it saying APSP instead of PHTA.

The same thing happens in the Building Codebook, in sections 454.2.6.1, 454.2.6.3, and 454.2.6.6...they all say ANSI/APSP/ICC 7 instead of ANSI/PHTA/ICC 7. But again the referenced standards chapter has it correct.

I know I put in the standards update proposal that updated the 7 standard to the 2020 edition and at that time changed it from APSP to PHTA. I believe then the sections it is referenced get updated automatically...so perhaps this can still be taken care of internally and not needed to go thru the errata/glitch process?

If nothing can be done at this point, I am sure folks will realize and get their hands on the correct edition.

As a side note, next code cycle PHTA expects more of their standards to change from an APSP to PHTA standard, reflecting the new name, as new editions come out.

Best,

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