

7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code – Building

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

454.1 Public swimming pools and bathing

Revise Section 454.1 to add new definition as follows:

A “swim-up bar” means a public swimming pool used for the consumption of food or beverage by people and may include a permanent bar or counter within the pool area from which food and beverage are served to people in the pool.

Revise Section 454.1.2.3.5 to read as follows:

454.1.2.3.5 Rules and regulations signage. Rules and regulations for bathers shall be installed in minimum 1-inch (25.4 mm) letters that must be legible from the pool deck, and shall contain the following:

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*.

2. No glass or animals in the fenced pool area (or 50 feet (15 240 mm) from unfenced Pool).

Exception: Service animals as defined in s. 413.08, F.S. All animals are prohibited to enter the pool water or onto the drained area of an interactive water feature.

3 through 10. No change.

Revise Section 454.1.3.7 to read as follows:

454.1.3.1.7 Food or drink service facilities shall not be located within 12 feet (3658 mm) of the water’s edge.

Exception: Food and beverages service facilities complying with Section 454.1.9.9.

Add Section 454.1.9.9 as new section to read as follows:

454.1.9.9 Swim-Up Bars. Swim-up bars shall comply with the requirements of Sections 454.1.9.9.1 through 454.1.9.9.9.

454.1.9.9.1 Swim-up bars are only permitted at transient public lodging establishments licensed under s. 509.013(4)(a)1., F.S, or at a theme park or entertainment complex as defined in s. 509.013(9), F.S.

454.1.9.9.2 A swim-up bar shall be constructed in accordance with the applicable provisions of this code and within the limits of sound engineering practice. The maximum pool depth shall not exceed 54 inches. The disinfection equipment shall be capable of feeding 12 mg/L of halogen to the continuous recirculation flow of the filtration system. Attendants or lifeguards shall be provided in accordance with a safety/lifeguard plan approved by the Department of Health.

454.1.9.9.3 A swim-up bar shall be equipped with a recirculation system which provides for a maximum time of two (2) hours for turnover of the entire pool water volume. Swim-up bar water quality shall be continuously sustained in accordance with Department of Health (DOH) Rule 64E-9.004, *Florida Administrative Code*, by the installation and use of an automated controller with chemical sensing probes for disinfection and pH control.

454.1.9.9.4 Signage complying with 454.1.2.3.5 must be posted to inform patrons that the public swimming pool has a swim-up bar that provides food and beverages, that spillages should be reported to staff for rapid cleanup, and that consumption of alcoholic beverages may cause drowsiness.

454.1.9.9.5 If the bar or counter is built into the edge of the pool, pool access complying with 454.1.2.5 shall be provided at both ends of the bar. A deck complying with 454.1.3.1 shall be provided, except, up to 50% of the pool perimeter may be obstructed by the bar. Gutter or skimmers are not required at or under the bar counter, however, they are required at the rest of the pool. An automatic water level controller shall be provided, and an overflow waste line with air gap shall be provided.

454.1.9.9.6 A smooth, easily cleanable poolside surface must be provided for patrons to place their food and beverage containers upon.

454.1.9.9.7 A swim-up bar may be physically combined or connected with other pool types, however, food and drink must be permitted over the entire body of water and the requirements of 454.1.9.9 shall apply to the entire water volume. A swim-up bar's water must not mix with any body of water that is not a swim-up bar and does not allow the consumption of food and beverages.

454.1.9.9.8 A swim-up bar may include obstructions intended for seating. Any structure intended for seating in the pool shall have a minimum of 2 inch (51 mm) horizontal and 2 inch (51 mm) vertical markings in contrasting color on every edge, and be structurally rigid, impervious, non-toxic, smooth, and slip resistant. The corner intersections which protude or angle into the pool water shall be rounded with a minimum of 2 inch (51 mm) radius. Edges of such obstructions shall not overhang into the water.

