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Pool Lighting Requirements for Night Time Use of Pool Enclosure

As of October 4, 2017, Session Law 2017-209 (House Bill 56) became law. The law requires that any pool, including amenities within the pool enclosure, that is open after dark to have sufficient lighting to illuminate the pool main drains and required deck area so they are visible at all times the pool enclosure is in use.

If you indicate on your application that your pool enclosure will remain open after sunset, a visit may be made by your inspector to ensure that all parts of the pool are properly illuminated and visible, including:

- Main drains
- Entire pool floor
- Depth markers
- Signs
- Entrances
- Restrooms
- Safety equipment
- Emergency phone
- Required deck area (5'-8' from water edge depending on pool size)
- Walkways

If lighting requirements are met, your pool permit will be conditioned to indicate nighttime use of the pool enclosure is allowed. If lighting requirements are not met, the permit will be conditioned to indicate nighttime use of the pool enclosure is not allowed.

If you have any questions or concerns about these requirements, please contact our office at (828) 250-5016 or by email at EHRequest@buncombecounty.org.

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