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Re: Pool ADA questions...

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Thanks for the offer, Tim. Jean said there is a day a month where the county officials will help us write a proposal for permitting (is that correct, Jean)?

It seems like a portable lift would be preferable so that we could bring it in (if possible) and spare it salt water exposure.

Cathie

-----Original Message-----

From: Dahl, Tim (BC) (BC) <TDahl@shorelinefire.com>

To: Cathie Harrison <cathianne@aol.com>; whshed <whshed@live.com>; jean_salls2000 <jean_salls2000@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thu, Jan 31, 2013 1:46 pm

Subject: Pool ADA questions...

I've been doing a little research to educate myself on ADA and pool requirements.

I know that lots of people have done this and there are many interpretations – and ultimately it's up to the county building official.

However, I did find one piece of information in regards to Cathy's question about a portable vs. fixed pool lift (from the DOJ's Q&A site)....

What is the difference between a “portable” lift and a “fixed” lift?

The real issue is not whether a lift is “portable” versus “fixed,” but rather whether a lift is “fixed” versus “non-fixed.” A fixed lift means that the lift is attached to the pool deck or apron in some way. A non-fixed lift means that it is not attached in any way. Therefore, a portable lift that is attached to the pool deck would be considered a fixed lift. Thus, owners of portable lifts can fully comply with the access requirements by affixing their lifts to the pool deck or apron.

They are required to do so if that is readily achievable, except in certain circumstances discussed below.

http://www.ada.gov/qa_existingpools_titleIII.htm

So it appears that as long as the portable lift is capable of being bolted to the deck, it conforms.

When the time comes, I'd be happy to be involved in talking to the building official if we need clarifications as we go through the design process. I have lots of experience with talking to these guys about the Building and Fire Code and how the “interpretation” goes. I understand that ultimately the Architect will do this as well, but there may come a time where we want to explore some of the issues without incurring the expense of the Architect.

I appreciate Ed taking the time to show me through the facility and bringing me up to speed with where we've been and where we're at.

I feel assured that the building is not nearly as bad as I thought it might be, and that it can be significantly refurbished with moderate intervention. (My semi-professional opinion) We'll see what the Architect says. I'm encouraged.

Cheers,

Tim

From: Cathie Harrison [<mailto:cathieanne@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 11:35 AM
To: whshed@live.com; Dahl, Tim (BC); jean_salls2000@yahoo.com
Subject: Draft for Review

Will you please review this draft - enclosed? Changes are in *italics*. Specifically, I have a question about listing skimmer(s) twice and also the wording for the light niche?

Thanks,
Cathie

ADA

Objective: Upgrade the pool and facilities to meet all ADA requirements, including handrails and lift. *Note: Local architect working with us on the facilities. Need to note overlap, e.g., plumbing and electrical inspection.*

Replaster and Retile Pool to meet RCW and WAC requirements.

New surface depth markers
New tiled breakline
Install spot tile on pool entry steps
Appropriate egress
Depth of Pool, filling in deep end
advantages/disadvantages- cost
minimum pool requirements for diving

New Safety Brick Coping and Expansion Joint Caulking

Furnish and install precast concrete coping around perimeter of swimming pool

Re-plumbing

Install new plumbing including skimmer, dual main drains, and return lines *do we need reference to skimmer in two places??*
Replace *all* skimmers *including plugs*
Replace/rebuild the pump with one suitable for the desired flow rate
Replumb mechanical room

Heat Source

Upgrade heat source (adequate heat flow/gal of water – *currently 320 gal/min*)
Temperature: 83-85

Electrical/Lighting

Evaluate electrical requirements for pool and facilities and upgrade accordingly.
Abandon existing light niche locations and fill with concrete *<- is this still correct wording??*

Pool Deck

Remove existing railing and curb

Resurface deck as necessary

Provide delineation between swim deck and common area

Other Questions:

Salt Water pool vs. chlorine

How to ensure pool is compatible as indoor/outdoor pool if covered in the future

Will inspection be detailed so that it can be used for RFP? Additional cost?