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FULTON COUNTY REQUIRES POOL DRAIN COVERS

Requirement Covered in Revised Pool Ordinance

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners recently approved a revised Swimming Pool Ordinance that includes the mandatory installation and use of federally approved main drain covers for all public pools operating in the County. The Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, Division of Environmental Health Services inspects each public pool in Fulton County annually for compliance.

The federal law governing main drain covers was passed in December 2007. The “Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act” (VGB Act) requires manufacturers and pool owners to be compliant with the standards of the Act by December 20, 2008. Anyone operating a pool with non-compliant drain covers is subject to fines by the Consumer Produce Safety Commission up to \$1.8 million

“We have been working with pool operators and owners since December 2007 to ensure they are compliance with VGB Act.” says Dr. Kim Turner, Interim Director of the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness. “We view the federal mandate as an important step to increasing safety in our County pools.”

For more information regarding the Revised Swimming Pool Ordinance, the VGB Act and what pool owners need to do to comply, and pool safety, log-on to www.fultoncountygahealth.org.

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