



**CITY OF HENDERSON  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY**

**POLICY NUMBER:** BPC1028  
**PROCEDURE NUMBER:** N/A

**SUBJECT:** Swimming Pool Access Barriers

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 1, 2000      **CODE AND YEAR:** 2003 Pool Code  
**REVISION DATE:** May 1, 2003      **SECTION REFERENCE:** Pool Code, Section 700

**AFFECTED DIVISIONS:** Building Plans Check

**SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE:** This policy is intended to clarify the acceptance criteria for wall construction intended to act as swimming pool access barrier. Reference is made to Section 700 of the Southern Nevada Pool Code, published April 2, 2003. This section is to provide reasonable guidance on what constitutes an access barrier. The intent is to provide a barrier that is difficult to climb by younger children.

**POLICY:**

The Department of Building and Safety has been accepting the mixed use of masonry and wrought iron walls. The condition of acceptance has been for the masonry wall to be a minimum of 32 inches in height and for the balance of the barrier to be of wrought iron and a maximum of two horizontal members; one near the top of the masonry wall (maximum of 4 inches above top of wall) and one at a minimum height of 60 inches above grade.

**REASON:** Based on the intent of the referenced pool code section, it is reasonable to continue the acceptance of these combination walls. Other jurisdictions in the valley are considering this application acceptable as well.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** N/A

**APPROVED:**

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Division Manager's Signature & Job Title

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Date