



Maricopa County

Planning & Development Department

Department Directive

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PURPOSE: To clarify the intent of compliance inspection permits issued to address expired permits for the construction of new in-ground pools that expired without final inspections.

1. **REFERENCE:** The current editions of the building codes adopted by Maricopa County:
 - International Building Code 2009
 - International Fire Code 2003 (applicable only to County owned facilities)
 - International Residential Code 2009
 - International Plumbing Code 2009
 - International Mechanical Code 2009
 - International Fuel Gas Code 2009
 - National Electrical Code 2008
 - Local Additions and Addenda 2010

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

1. Maricopa County shall perform compliance inspections in conformance with the adopted process / procedure to address permits that have expired without final inspections as required by the conditions of the issued permit.
2. For permits issued for the construction of pools, the final inspection is typically set at the pre-plaster stage of construction to verify that construction of the gunite, pool barrier and final placement of pool equipment, electrical and grounding is in conformance with the adopted building codes and approved plans.
3. Compliance inspections are not issued for pool permits that have not had pre-gunite inspections performed.
4. Compliance inspections permit that are issued to address expired pool permits shall be restricted to the inspections of those items that are visible to the inspector such as, but not limited to: the pool equipment, electrical, pool barriers, and grounding of adjacent metal structures.
5. Compliance inspections permit that are issued to address expired pool permits shall not include inspections of those items that are not visible to the inspector such as, but not limited to: quality of workmanship on the placement of gunite and ensuring that grounding wires are properly attached to the re-bar of the pool structure.
6. Owners, applicants, or agents requesting compliance inspections shall be advised at time of the compliance inspection, if present at the time of the inspection, of the limitations and applicability of the inspections.