

## **Did You Know?**

Hondo Code of Ordinance, Chapter 14, Article 25.1600, Section 25.1606.4, was amended. It pertains to screening and fencing around swimming pools. It defines a swimming pool as a permanent swimming pool, permanent wading or reflection pool or permanent hot tub or spa over eighteen inches (18") deep, located at ground level, above ground, below ground or indoors. It goes on to state that all private residential swimming pools associated with single or two family dwellings shall be at least entirely fenced with a four (4) foot high property line perimeter privacy/security fence or wall with self-closing and self-latching gates that have the ability to be locked.

It is of utmost importance that property owners with backyard pools comply with this ordinance. The City strongly encourages anyone with a pool in their yard to provide security fencing at least four (4) feet high to help deter and prevent accidental drownings; your actions to adhere with this ordinance could be the difference between life and death. Remember, summertime is fun time, so protect your children, family and loved ones by providing a safe and enjoyable pool to beat the heat.

If you have any questions or require more information about this particular ordinance, please contact the City of Hondo, Code Compliance Office at 830-426-4737.