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International Code Council and PHTA Publish New Standard for Public Pool and Spa Operations and Maintenance

New standard will focus on guidelines to keep public aquatic venues safe and healthy for all communities

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council and the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) have combined efforts to publish the ANSI/PHTA/ICC-2 2023 *American National Standard for Public Pool and Spa Operations and Maintenance* (PHTA-2). Using an open, rigorous, and ANSI-accredited development process, PHTA-2 was developed by a balanced group of subject matter experts, designed with the end user in mind.

This new landmark aquatics standard provides public health officials, industry professionals and code officials with an easily adoptable set of guidelines for the operation and maintenance of all types of public aquatic venues.

“This new standard will play an important role in keeping our public pools and spas safe for all communities,” said Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. “Both of our organizations understand the importance of consistently working towards updating and creating new codes and standards for swimming pools and spas, and we will continue to collaborate with PHTA to provide the resources that the building safety community and our members rely on.”

PHTA-2 focuses on critical areas including inspections, operating permits, water quality, hygiene facilities, indoor/outdoor environment and other requirements. It is based on engineering principles, scientific tenets and industry standards of care.

“The ANSI approval and publication of PHTA-2 is a huge win for our industry,” says Sabeena Hickman, CAE, President and CEO of PHTA. “This standard is the result of hundreds of hours of volunteer work and is a significant move toward healthy and safe aquatics venues.”

The ANSI/PHTA/ICC-2 2023 *American National Standard for Public Pool and Spa Operations and Maintenance* is available for purchase [here](#).

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About the International Code Council

The [International Code Council](#) is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.

About the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance

The [Pool & Hot Tub Alliance](#) (PHTA) is a non-profit organization that supports, promotes and protects the common interests of the \$36.5B pool, hot tub and spa industry. PHTA provides education, advocacy, standards development, research and market growth to increase members' professionalism, knowledge and profitability.