

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2020-730

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Freeman

**Date of Introduction:** November 24, 2020

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, R, LUZ

**Date of Analysis:** November 25, 2020

**Type of Action:** *Ordinance Code* amendment

**Bill Summary:** This bill amending section 656.401 (Performance Standards and Development Criteria), Part A (Performance Standards and Development Criteria), Part 4 (Supplementary Regulations), Chapter 656 (Zoning Code), *Ordinance Code*, to permit swimming lessons as a home occupation, subject to Performance Standards and Development Criteria.

**Background Information:** Water safety is a number one priority. It is never too early to teach children how to swim with several great benefits including saving the child's life. Drowning and drowning-related injuries are the leading causes of accidental deaths among children, especially between the ages of 1 and 4. In the event of an accident, swimming lessons can and will help save your child from drowning. This modification reduces the development barriers and includes swimming lessons as a permitted use for home occupations. The ability to have swimming lessons as a permissible use increases the number of children gaining the skill of water safety and the potential of saving their own life.

**Policy Impact Area:** Swimming lessons

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Analyst:** Mitchell