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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

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### **City of Sidney prepares for Aquatic Center to close for the 2020 season**

The City of Sidney Nebraska Aquatic Center is set to close for the season on Sunday, August 9, 2020. The closing has come earlier than anticipated as schools are starting back up and the amount of employees will not meet State of Nebraska regulations.

With not being able to certify new guards for the 2020 season with American Red Cross due to Covid-19, there are less employees than originally planned and therefore we will not meet state requirements to remain open past August 9, 2020.

**008.04 LIFEGUARDS.** Every Class A swimming pool must have lifeguards on duty whenever the pool is open. The requirements for lifeguards are as follows:

**008.04(A) CERTIFICATION.** Lifeguards must be currently certified by:

(i) The American Red Cross, the National Pool and Water Park Lifeguard Training Program, the YMCA, the Boy Scouts of America, or another lifeguard certifying organization with an equivalent lifeguard certification program, as determined by the Department. If a certification was issued with restrictions, the certification must be appropriate for the duty to which the lifeguard is assigned; and

**008.04(B) LIFEGUARD NUMBER.** There must be 1 lifeguard per each 1-100 bathers or 2,000 square feet of water surface area, whichever is the lesser number. The number of lifeguards on duty must be sufficient to permit periodic relief or rest periods.

**008.04(C) AREA RESPONSIBILITY.** A lifeguard must not simultaneously guard more than one pool unless the area under surveillance can be continuously monitored with a clear unobstructed view and immediate assistance can be rendered if needed.