

**CITY OF ALBANY  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
SWIMMING POOL DRESS CODE VARIANCE POLICY**

This dress code variance policy is designed to provide equal access to persons that for either physical/medical or religious reasons cannot comply with the City of Albany's dress code for admission and use of its swimming facilities.

**Physical/Medical Request**

A dress code variance may be granted to an individual for physical/medical reasons. The requesting individual must provide reasonable information supporting his or her request for the variance. A written doctor's note may be required.

**Religious Request**

A dress code variance may be granted to individuals for religious beliefs. The requesting individual must provide reasonable information supporting his or her request for the variance.

**Application Form**

Applicants must provide two completed copies of the variance application to the Department of Parks and Recreation, 7 Hoffman Avenue, Albany, New York 12209.

**Decision of the Department**

Applicant will be notified of the approval or denial of his/her request by letter to the address provided on the application. If approved, the Department will retain one copy on file, and the second copy will be returned to the applicant. Please be advised, applicant must present a signed copy of the approved variance application in order to gain admittance into the City's swimming facility(ies) designated on the application form.

**Expiration**

Please be advised that, upon approval, the dress code variance shall only be applicable for the current swimming season. Applicant must submit a new application for each swimming season. The City of Albany's swimming season consists of the months between June and Labor Day.

**Rules and Regulations**

This variance does not constitute a waiver of the City of Albany Department of Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulation relating to the use of its facilities. Applicant must comply with all other rules and regulations not specifically stated herein. Applicant hereby waives any and all liability that may arise as a result of the use of any unauthorized clothing pursuant to this variance application. **The City of Albany hereby reserves the right to limit the type and scope of clothing and/or cover-up used such that it does not constitute a danger and/or hazardous condition to any and all persons using the City's swimming facilities.**