

San Diego Cal December 10th 1918.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council;-
City of San Diego.

Gentlemen;-

We the undersigned petitioners beg to call your attention to a hardship imposed upon our business by the "flu" mask ordinance passed by your honorable body and approved by the Mayor, December 9th 1918.

To carry out the provisions of the ordinance and require our plunge bathers to wear masks while swimming would be likely to result in strangulation and drowning, a risk which we are not justified in assuming. We would therefore respectfully request a modification of the ordinance to the extent that, "bathers while actually in the water swimming or intending to enter the same, as in diving, may remove their masks while so exercising, but sitting on the platforms or sides of pool in groups will not be permitted unless masks are replaced".

We will undertake to see that masks are worn at all other times by patrons while in our establishments to comply with the terms and spirit of the ordinance.

Our business is one of the recognized activities of the community and has been for many years past and we feel that it was not your purpose to prevent any such legitimate industry from operating where a reasonable application of the law would protect the public health and at the same time allow your petitioners to resume their business upon the same reasonable basis as is accorded others.

Special provision has been made to remove masks in soft drink emporiums and saloons to cater to the pleasure or amusement of their patrons and we feel that wholesome swimming exercise could be permitted for citizens who prefer that amusement without risk or injury.

Respectfully,

Los Banos Bath House, by R.B. Dalbo Mgr.
Kyles Bath House by J.W. Kyle Mgr.
Creelman's Bath House by L.A. Creelman

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ALLEN H. WRIGHT

City Clerk.

BY W. E. BARTLETT

Deputy.

PETITION

OF

Bath Houses

FOR

*Permission allow
bathers enter
plunge without
gauze masks*

Petition granted by
Council DEC 11 1918

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