

SWIMMING BATHS &
BATHING POOLS

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BYELAWS for the regulation of their baths, etc., made by the LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL of RICHMOND UPON THAMES under section 223 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

1.—In these byelaws

“the council” means the LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES;

“the baths” means any baths, wash-houses, swimming baths or bathing places under the management of the council, and includes any accommodation provided therein.

2.—No person shall

- (a) enter or attempt to enter the baths by forcible or improper means;
- (b) use the baths without obtaining an appropriate ticket of admission;
- (c) bring any animal into the baths.

3.—No person shall

- (a) wilfully annoy or interfere with the privacy of any other person using the baths;
- (b) wilfully damage, deface or soil any part of the baths or any towel, swimming trunks or bathing dress provided for his use;
- (c) interfere with any officer of the council in the performance of his duties.

4.—No person shall

- (a) use any soap or similar substance in any swimming bath or otherwise act in any manner likely to affect prejudicially the condition of the water therein;
- (b) use any equipment in any swimming bath which is likely to cause inconvenience or injury to other persons therein;
- (c) enter the baths while suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.

5.—Any person who offends against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

6.—Any person contravening any of the foregoing byelaws may be excluded or removed from the premises in question by an officer of the Council.

7.—The byelaws for the regulation of baths, etc., which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond (Surrey) on the 20th January, 1953, and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the 12th March, 1953, are hereby revoked.

The Common Seal of the Mayor,
Aldermen and Burgesses of the London Borough
of Richmond upon Thames was hereunto
affixed this 18th day of August 1966

D. G. HARRIS,
Deputy Mayor

L.S.

W. H. JONES,
Town Clerk

SEAL REGISTER No. 918/1.

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government and shall come into operation on the 1st January 1967.

L.S.
17th November 1966.

P. T. SLOMAN,
*Assistant Secretary Ministry of
Housing and Local Government.*

BYELAWS made under section 233 of the Public Health Act, 1936, by the LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools in the LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES which are not under their management.

INTERPRETATION

1.—In these byelaws “bath” means a swimming bath or bathing pool for or in connection with the use of which a charge is made and which is open to the public.

2.—The rules numbered (i), (ii), (b), (ix) and (xv) in byelaw 3 (three) shall not apply to any bath which is a natural lake or part of a natural lake or part of a running stream or river.

For securing the purity of the water in the bath

3.—A person responsible for any bath shall comply with the following rules:—

(i) The water admitted to the bath shall be not less pure as judged by bacterial tests than the local public water supply.

(ii) (a) The water in every covered bath shall, while such bath is in use, be changed at such a rate that the whole of the water is changed once at least in every four hours.

(b) The water in every open bath shall, while the bath is in use, be changed at such a rate that the whole of the water is changed once at least in every six hours.

(c) The water in every bath where water which is taken from the bath is returned to it shall be purified by means of filtration, aeration and disinfection.

Where disinfection is effected by means of marginal chlorination, there must at all times be present in the water not less than 0.2 parts and not more than 0.5 parts per million of chlorine, except however, that where the process of disinfection known as “breakpoint chlorination” is used, the total residual chlorine may be up to 2.0 parts per million provided that at least 1.5 parts per million of this is in the form of “free” chlorine as distinct from chlorine in the form of chloramine.

(iii) Every bath to which paragraph (c) of the preceding rule applies shall be emptied and thoroughly cleansed

(a) in the case of a bath which is open for less than the twelve months of each year, before the date of opening in each year; and

(b) in the case of a bath which is open throughout the year, at least once in every twelve months.

For ensuring the adequacy and cleanliness of the accommodation

(iv) All paths and surrounds to the bath shall be kept clean.

(v) Every bath shall be provided with sufficient dressing accommodation for the use of bathers.

(vi) All dressing-boxes, dressing accommodation, and receptacles for clothing shall be maintained in a clean condition.

(vii) Every dressing-box shall be provided with a duck board or cork or other suitable mat.

(viii) No person using the bath shall be supplied with a towel or garment which had not been thoroughly cleansed since the last occasion on which it was supplied.

(ix) Every bath shall be provided with a sufficient number of showerbaths for persons of each sex using the bath, and of foot-baths or other facilities for washing for the number of persons admitted to the bath at any time.

(x) Every bath shall be provided with a sufficient number of sanitary conveniences for person of each sex using the bath.

For the prevention of accidents

(xi) Every bath shall at suitable points and in the vicinity of all diving boards and spring boards which may be provided be marked by signs which will indicate the depth of the water at those points.

(xii) Every diving board and spring board which may be provided shall be marked with its height above the surface of the water and there shall at all times when the bath is in use be such depth of water therein as will ensure the safety of persons using any such diving board or spring board.

(xiii) All diving boards and platforms, spring boards, chutes, and other apparatus provided in connection with any bath shall be kept in good repair.

(xiv) Every bath shall be provided with steps or other suitable means of access to the water.

(xv) Every bath shall be provided with a proper handrail or other convenient means of holding on to the side of the bath.

(xvi) No electrical plug or socket in the immediate vicinity of the bath shall be supplied with alternating current in excess of fifty volts or with direct current in excess of two hundred and fifty volts and all electrical apparatus connected therewith shall at all times be effectively connected with earth.

(xvii) Every bath shall be provided with a sufficient number of lifebuoys and lifelines which shall be kept in good condition and shall be easily accessible.

(xviii) There shall be in attendance at every bath while it is in use an attendant who is proficient in swimming, life saving and artificial respiration.

For regulating the conduct of persons resorting to the bath

4.—A person shall not

- (a) while being in any bath use any soap or other substance or preparation whereby the water may be rendered turbid or unfit for the use of bathers;
- (b) wilfully and improperly foul or pollute the water in any bath, or wilfully and improperly soil or defile any towel, swimming trunks or bathing dress supplied for his use, or any dressing-box or any furniture or article therein;
- (c) enter any bath while knowingly suffering from any cutaneous, infectious or contagious disease;
- (d) permit any animal to enter any bath.

Byelaws to be exhibited

5.—The person responsible for any bath shall keep a printed copy of these byelaws exhibited in a conspicuous place on the premises.

Penalties

6.—Every person who shall offend against any of the fore-

going byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding forty shillings for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

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