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BYELAWS made under Section 233 of the Public Health Act, 1936, by the District Council of Runnymede with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools in the District of Runnymede 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), (iii), (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 (a) $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours in the case of learner pools, (b) 3 hours in the case of main pools and (c) 6 hours in the case of separate diving pits.
(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 shall be purified by means of filtration and disinfection. The latter should be effected by maintaining continuously a minimum free chlorine residual of 0.5 milligrammes per litre; a figure of 2.0 milligrammes per litre should not normally be exceeded.

(iii) Every bath shall be emptied and thoroughly cleansed -

- (a) in the case of a bath which is open for less than 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 mat made of impervious material.
- (viii) No person using the bath shall be supplied with a towel or garment which has not been thoroughly cleansed since the last occasion on which it was supplied.
- (ix) Every bath shall be provided with a sufficient

number of shower-baths 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 persons 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 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) use any soap or similar substance in any bath or otherwise act in any manner likely to affect prejudicially the condition of the water therein;

(b) wilfully and improperly damage, deface or soil any part of the bath, or any towel, swimming trunks or bathing dress provided for his use, or any dressing-box or any furniture or article therein;

(c) enter any bath while knowingly suffering from any 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 foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds and in the case of a continuing offence a further fine not exceeding five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

7. The byelaws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools which are not under the management of the Runnymede District Council which were made by the Egham Urban District Council on the 15th January, 1952, and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the 1st May, 1952, are hereby revoked.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the)
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF RUNNYMEDE this)
Eighth day of November 1976)

(L.S.)

P. M. Barry (Mrs.)
Chairman

L. W. Way
Clerk and Chief Executive

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Environment and shall come into operation on 1st March 1977

D. A. S. Sharp

An Assistant Secretary in
the Department of the
Environment

Signed by authority
of the Secretary of
State

25th January 1977