

Ordinance #109

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, providing for the maintenance of life saving devices in public bath-houses, defining the duties of bath-house keepers and providing penalties for the violation of the same,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Miami Beach, Florida:

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this ordinance and its publication as required by law, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, or corporation, to run, operate, or conduct any public bathhouse, or bathing pavilion in the City of Miami Beach, Florida, without first providing for such bath house or bathing pavilion at least, one pullmotor, or other similar device for the protection of persons suffering from strangulation.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons, firm, or corporation to conduct any bathhouse, or bathing pavilion without first providing a life line extending from the shore out into the water opposite said pavilion to a depth of four feet at low tide; that the location and fixing of said line shall be made under the supervision of the committeeman on Parks and Docks, and to his satisfaction.

Section 3. That it shall be the duty of the owner, operator, manager, or other person in charge of any such bathhouse, or bathing pavilion to see that such life line is installed in accordance with the provisions hereinbefore made.

Section 4. That it shall be the duty of the owner, operator, or manager, or other person in charge of any such bathhouse, or bathing pavilion, to see that the pullmotor hereinbefore referred to and required to be kept and maintained in such bathhouse, or bathing pavilion, is at all times in good working condition, and during bathing hours, that there is on and about the premises of every such bathhouse, or bathing pavilion, at least, one person familiar with the working and operating of such pullmotor, whose duty it shall be to use his best endeavor to relieve any person, or persons, patrons of such bathhouse, in the event of such necessity.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the owner, operator, manager or other person in charge of any such bathhouse or bathing pavilion, to furnish a life-boat and guard for each such bathhouse or bathing pavilion; that the type of boat to be used as such life-boat in and about such bathhouse or bathing pavilion shall be approved by the committeemen on Parks and Docks; that the guard to be kept by such bathhouse or bathing pavilion shall be some person familiar with the handling of boats and the art of swimming, mentally and physically capable of assisting the patrons of any such bathhouse or bathing pavilion in case of accident, or in case of necessity for assistance on the part of the patron or patrons of such bathhouse or bathing pavilion while bathing; that it shall be the duty of the owner, operator, or manager, or other person in charge of any such bathhouse, or bathing pavilion, to see that such guard is on duty constantly during such time or times as such bathhouse, or bathing pavilion shall be open for business.

Section 6. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding ninety days.

Section 7. That all ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed this 6th day of August, A.D. 1918.

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President City Council.

Attest

J. A. Canova
City Clerk.

Approved this 6th day of August, A.D. 1918.

J. A. J. J. J.
Mayor.

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Aug 5, 1918

R. B. Gautier, Atty.,
Miami, Fla.