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To the Hon. the Mayor and the Common Council,
San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:

Referring to Document No. 162397, I
am returning same with report of the Sanitary Inspector
attached thereto.

At the present time this department finds
no legal reason to recommend the abatement of said
chicken ranch on account of being unsanitary, or
a public nuisance.

Very truly yours,

Alex M. Lesem M. D.
Health Officer

AML/KM

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July 22, 1924.

Alex M. Lesem, M. D.
Health Officer,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Document No. 162397, a petition for abatement of an alleged nuisance at the corner of Acacia and Vesta Streets, and which was referred to me for investigation, I beg to report as follows:

The place referred to is a small chicken ranch (about 300 chickens) maintained on a parcel of ground, 80 X 140 Ft. one end of the pen is located at least 22 ft distant from the nearest and only dwelling immediately adjacent, the other two nearest dwellings are at least 250 ft distant, the pens are thoroughly cleaned at least two or three times each week and at the time of our visit, they were in as sanitary condition as could reasonably be expected where so many chickens are confined. Bad odors were not perceptible outside of the pens, and very few flies in evidence at the time of our visit. Mr. McLaughlin, the owner, was interviewed, he expressed regret that complaint had been filed and would do everything possible to keep things sanitary, also stated, he was contemplating moving the chickens outside the City. Under the circumstances, I can only report that, Mr. McLaughlin, in so far as sanitation is concerned, is within the law, but I have advised him to secure another location within six months, this he has agreed to.

In conclusion, I beg to call your attention to the fact that, 50% of our complaints are due to unsanitary conditions prevailing where chickens and rabbits are being maintained on City lots.

These conditions could be minimized by a more rigid Ordinance to control the number and location,

Respectfully,


Chief Plumbing & Housing Inspector

ACG/KM

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re alleged nuisances
at Vesta & Acacia
Streets

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