

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

Your petitioner, the San Diego Brewing Company, respectfully represents:

That it has started a home enterprise, and invested a large amount of capital in the purchase of lands, in the erection of substantial buildings and in costly machinery for the manufacture of Malt Liquors:

That by reason of such investments the taxable property within the City has been largely increased and the means of employment enhanced: That your petitioner is ever ready and willing to bear its just and full share of the public burdens and to comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, made and provided in the conduct of its business and is now about ready to commence to manufacture and sell at wholesale only its manufactured products and does not intend to manufacture or sell any other than Malt Liquors.

The provisions of the City Ordinance relating to license (Ordinance #19 approved Aug., 15, 1889) which was adopted at a time when no Brewery existed in this city, seems to your petitioner, inequitable and unjust, ambiguous in some of its provisions, and does not make any discrimination between those who sell at wholesale, liquors of all kinds, and those who sell Malt Liquors only.

Subdivision #2 of Sec. 6 of said Ordinance provides as follows: "For every place of business where spirituous, vinous or malt liquors are sold at wholesale the rate of license shall be \$25.00 per month."

Subdivision #3 of said Ordinance provides as follows:

"For every Distillery, Brewery..... where such liquors are manufactured, the license shall be \$25.00 per month."

If these provisions are to be literally construed, your petitioner would be obliged to pay a license of \$25.00 for manufacturing, a license of \$25.00 for selling at wholesale at its brewery, and if it desired to maintain an office when sales were made in the business center of the City, an additional license of \$25.00, thereby imposing a tax on the business of your petitioner of \$900.00 per year, in addition to the regular City, County and State taxes, and the license tax paid to the County and Government.

Your petitioner is unwilling to believe that in passing said Ordinance it was intended to aid foreign manufactures and sellers, to crush home enterprise, but such is the practical effect.

WHEREFORE your petitioner prays that said Ordinance be so amended as to require no license for manufacturing Malt Liquors. That a discrimination be made between those who sell at wholesale, spirituous, vinous and malt liquors, and those who sell at wholesale malt liquors only. That the license rate for selling Malt Liquors only be fixed at a sum not exceeding \$10.00 per month

THE SAN DIEGO BREWING CO.

*Henry Schaefer* PRESIDENT

*Max Rivers* SECT'Y

Petition San Diego Brewing  
Company asking to <sup>1393</sup>  
license for manufacturing  
malt liquors reduced.

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City Atty

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