

Ex-Convict Law Will Be Retained

Los Angeles Times
1960 06 02, pg B9

PALM SPRINGS, June 1.

Palm Springs will retain its ex-convict registration law—despite an adverse ruling by the State Supreme Court—but it won't enforce it.

The City Council supported Police Chief August Kettmann in his belief that "some good may come from the ordinance remaining on the books even though we are following a policy of non-enforcement."

Kettmann said the law "has been a strong deterrent and a crutch on which to lean in preventing an influx of criminals to Palm Springs."

City Atty. Jerome Bunker earlier reported that the California Supreme Court had held a similar Los Angeles law invalid and that the court's "sweeping decision" invalidated ex-convict registration laws in all California cities. He said enforcement of the law here could subject the city and police officers to false arrest suits.