



Introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance adding Chapter 5.80 (Massage Businesses) of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the City of Menlo Park Municipal Code, relating to the regulation of massage businesses

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Background

- In 2012 and 2014, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted an amendment to the San Mateo County Massage Businesses Ordinance.
- The amendment established clearer operational standards and updated rules for hearings and appeals, restricts business transfers during penalties.
- All other jurisdictions within San Mateo County with substantial commercial areas have adopted the model ordinance.

Purpose of Proposed Ordinance

- To protect the public health, safety, and welfare by providing for the orderly regulation of massage therapy services, discouraging prostitution and related illegal activities carried on under the guise of massage therapy, and establishing certain sanitation, health, and operational standards for massage businesses.

Proposed Ordinance Requirements

- All individuals practicing massage therapy for compensation be Certified Massage Practitioners by the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC).
- All businesses that provide message therapy for compensation employ only CAMTC Certified Massage Practitioners AND obtain a valid City of Menlo Park Registration Certificate.
- Miscellaneous operating and physical establishment requirements.

California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC)



- “CAMTC is a private nonprofit public benefit corporation with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. CAMTC’s volunteer Board of Directors is a diverse group of professionals and interested stakeholders who seek to protect the public and elevate the profession.”
- CAMTC issues voluntary certifications to massage professionals that meet the requirements established in California Business and Professions Code, section 4604.



Update since publishing

- Typographical change to Section 5.80.020 (h) of ordinance:
“Health Officer” means a representative from the County of San Mateo ~~Department of Environmental Health~~ or designee and/or a person designated by the City of Menlo Park to conduct health and safety inspections pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, Menlo Park Municipal Code Section 1.04.010 (4), or their authorized representatives or designees.

Recommendation

- Staff recommends the City Council introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance (Attachment A) adding Chapter 5.80 (Massage Businesses) of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the Menlo Park Municipal Code, relating to the regulation of massage businesses

Thank You



Questions?

